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PPP biggest party in Assembly: Army chief congratulates

Benazir Bhutto claims to have majority support

KARACHI, Nov 18, (Agencies): Opposition leader Benazir Bhutto said today her party has enough support in Parliament for her to form a government and become the first woman to lead a Muslim nation.

Results from Wednesday's elections, the first democratic polls since 1977, showed that Benazir's Pakistan People's Party received the largest number of seats in the National Assembly but did not win an overall majority.

Benazir said at a news conference that enough independent parties had joined her party or pledged support for a Benazir government to give her a legislative majority.

"We have a simple majority, based not only on agreement but also on people joining the PPP," she said. "We expect the President will call on us as soon as possible (to form the next government) before the house convenes."

Choose

Under the constitution, President Ghulam Ishaq Khan must choose a prime minister from the party he believes can command a majority in the assembly. An electoral college will vote for a President once the new government is formed.

Army Chief-of-State Mirza Aslam Beg today congratulated Benazir on her victory in the elections and promised a "smooth transfer of power to the newly

elected Parliament," a spokesman for Benazir said.

But former attorney-general Yahya Bakhtiar, who is advising Benazir on constitutional matters, warned of widespread unrest in the country if the opposition party is barred from forming a government.

"I hope (the President) is not out to stop Benazir as that would cause riots in the streets," he said. "The President should have called Benazir immediately after it became apparent her party was the largest in the assembly and the delay in doing so was probably due to his being misadvised."

Official results from 204 of 207 contests for National Assembly seats gave 92 to the PPP, seven to Jamiat Ulema-i-Islam, 54 to the Islamic Democratic Alliance, and 13 to the Mohajir Qaumi Movement.

Discuss

Ten seats are reserved for religious minorities, and 20 more are for women elected by the legislators.

Benazir said she met today with her aides to discuss the make-up of a possible coalition government and cabinet selection.

"We will work for a rejuvenated Pakistan," Benazir, 35-year-old daughter of hanged Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, said at the news conference.

Outlining what she said would be her foreign policy, Benazir said she would maintain close ties with the United States and see to improve strained relations with India, with which Pakistan has fought three wars since 1948.

She also pledged her government would not acquire nuclear weapons.

The Harvard- and Oxford-educated Benazir, who along with her mother spent several

years in jail or under house arrest prior to her self-imposed exile in Europe, told another news conference yesterday she believes "a democratic government will further strengthen ties" with the United States. She thanked the Reagan administration for "supporting the democratic process in Pakistan."

The US has hailed Pakistan's elections as an important step toward strengthening democracy, and three prominent senators called it a victory for Benazir and her party.

Learn

The British government said it was pleased to learn that the elections in Pakistan were held "in an orderly and peaceful manner."

Pakistanis will elect 483 members to assemblies in the country's four provinces tomorrow.

Benazir, who returned to her country in 1986 said that she envisaged no conflicts with the Army, which has ruled Pakistan for two-thirds of its 41-year history.

Defeated candidates included several prominent politicians from the government of late President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq, who died in a mysterious Aug 17 plane crash that also killed the US ambassador.

Among them were former Prime Minister Mohammad Khan Junejo, Interior Minister Naseem Aslam, National Assembly Speaker Hamid Nasir Chatta and Ghulam Mustafa Jatoi, leader of National People's Party, an IDA component, who was tipped as possible future prime minister.

Accept

Islamic Democratic Alliance secretary-general Ghafoor Ahmed, who also lost his seat, said: "We accept the result. The elections were held in a free, fair and impartial manner."

IDA mainstay and Punjab Chief Minister Nawaz Sharif has flown to Karachi to put together a coalition government to keep the PPP from power. He was planning to open negotiations with the Mohajir Qaumi



Benazir

Party position

Pakistan People's Party (PPP): 92 seats	Alliance (BNA): 2
Islamic Democratic Alliance (IDA): 54	Pakistan Democratic Party (PDP): 1
Mohajir Qaumi Movement (MQM): 13	Jamiat Ulema-i-Islam: 1
Jamiat Ulema-i-Islam, Fazal (JUI-F): 7	Independents: 27
Pakistan People's Alliance (PPA): 3	Results of separate elections for 10 seats reserved for non-Muslim minorities are yet to be announced. By-elections for two other seats will be held later.
Awami National Party (ANP): 3	Twenty seats in the 237-seat assembly are reserved for women selected by elected members.
National People's Party, Bharu (NPP-K): 2	
Baluchistan National	

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Ahmad: 29°C 84°F
Faiha: 28°C 82°F

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Kuwait: 12°C 54°F
Ahmad: 19°C 66°F
Faiha: 18°C 64°F

Maximum temperature expected:
Kuwait: 28°C 82°F
Ahmad: 30°C 86°F
Faiha: 27°C 81°F

Maximum humidity recorded:
Kuwait: 59 per cent
Ahmad: 55 per cent
Faiha: 65 per cent

Iran urged to share information on mines

By Jadranka Porter

A US Navy mine expert has urged Iran to lift the exclusion zone and share information on mines in the Gulf with neighbouring states to reduce the risk to shipping and return the Gulf to normal.

In an exclusive interview with the Arab Times aboard the La Salle, the command ship of the US Joint Task Force in the Gulf, Tony Kibble, the Mine Counter Measures Group commander, said Iran should co-operate with the Gulf states to clear the waterway of mines.

Kibble said the mine-clearing effort does not have to be carried out with the assistance of the US Navy.

Risk

"It is up to the Iranians now to show its neighbours that it has goodwill and tell them what might be there (in the exclusion zone) so that they don't put their shipping at risk. They can all contribute to clean the Gulf up," Kibble said.

Following the ceasefire in the Iraq-Iran war, mines are the number one danger, he said.

However, the Gulf states have taken an active interest and are capable of dealing with the problem, he added.

Kuwait's experts found a mine off the coast of Kuwait three weeks ago, he said. That brings the total number of mines found in the Gulf to 177. Eighty-eight of those were moored mines while the rest were floating ones.

The recent spell of stormy weather posed a fresh drifting mine hazard with winds and currents causing the mines in the northern waters to break loose.

Experts

He said the US Navy, which has 600 mine experts in the Gulf on six minesweepers and two support ships, has been checking the waters in the northern Gulf and will return to the area next month.

"All effort was directed towards clearing the commercial routes," said Kibble.

Asked whether these routes are now free of mines, Kibble said: "We have a lot of confidence that they are. The best indicator is that they are being used."

Iran would have to provide



Tony Kibble

information about the situation in the exclusion zone before the whole Gulf can be declared free of mines, he said.

"The mining of the Gulf was a well conceived and executed plan," said Kibble.

"We don't have reasons to think that there are a lot of mines there (in the exclusion zone), but we don't know. This is a big unknown area for us," said Kibble.

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34 countries back Palestinian state

Soviets recognise proclamation

NICOSIA, Nov 18, (Agencies): The Soviet Union recognised the proclamation of a Palestinian state today, while the number of states extending full diplomatic relations jumped to at least 34 when Cyprus, East Germany, Brunei, Sri Lanka, and Lebanon announced formal ties.

The Soviet action, announced at a hastily called news briefing by first Deputy Foreign Minister Alexander Bessmertnykh, appeared to be a cautious step between Soviet support for the Palestinian cause and its effort to improve relations with Israel.

"Faithful to the fundamental principle of freedom of choice, the Soviet Union recognises the proclamation of the Palestinian state," Bessmertnykh said.

Completion

The top Foreign Ministry official added that the Soviet Union believed a comprehensive settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict "will lead also to the practical completion of the historic process of creating this state."

Asked whether his announcement amounted to recognition of the Palestinian state, Bessmertnykh said "in essence," it did.

But a Foreign Ministry spokesman, Boris Savastyanov, said later in a telephone interview that it did not entail immediate exchange of diplomats and full diplomatic relations.

"That requires additional work," he said, adding that he could not speculate on when it might occur.

Cyprus today became the second state with relations with Israel to recognise the Palestinian state.

Visit

Government spokesman Akis Fantis said the cabinet decided at its meeting today to extend diplomatic ties to the state.

In Lebanon, the Christian cabinet of Army commander Gen. Michel Aoun recognised the state.

The Christian recognition came two days after the Muslim Cabinet of acting Prime Minister Selim Al Hoss, a Sunni Muslim had extended recognition, saying it "welcomed the step taken in declaring the Palestinian state."

Sri Lanka notified PLO chairman Yasser Arafat of its recognition today.

At a news conference yesterday ending her two-day visit to the United States, Mrs Thatcher said acceptance by the PLO parliament-in-exile of two key United Nations resolutions on the Middle East represents a "modest step forward" on which progress toward peace could be made.

Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, stepping up Israel's counter-offensive against the declaration of an independent Palestinian state, summoned the diplomatic corps today to denounce the PLO move.

Diplomats from 42 countries heard Peres reject the PNC's adoption of UN Resolution 242, which implicitly recognises Israel, because it was linked to other UN resolutions and a demand for Palestinian national rights.

"We want to replace the artificial feeling as if something happened in Algiers — a real opening line of negotiations," Peres told the diplomats, according to an aide.

Bomb blast in Geneva

GENEVA, Nov 18, (Reuters): Four people were seriously wounded in a bomb blast today outside the Geneva office of Aeroflot, the Soviet airline, an airline spokeswoman said.

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The spokeswoman said two other passers-by were slightly wounded by the blast which shattered the airline's window.

No one had claimed responsibility for the explosion, she added.

Million-pound banknote

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Iraq, UK, US order out diplomats

Tit-for-tat expulsions

LONDON, Nov 18, (Agencies): Britain said today it expelled three members of the Iraqi embassy in London last month for "activities incompatible with their status," a diplomatic euphemism for spying.

Baghdad retaliated on Nov 1 by ordering home three British diplomats who have all returned to London, the British Foreign Office said.

The US also expelled an Iraqi diplomat after Baghdad ordered out an American diplomat.

Announcing the expulsions, the British Foreign Office said the Iraqis were an assistant press officer, a third secretary and a driver.

It said a fourth Iraqi embassy member who was out of Britain at the time would not be allowed to return.

The Foreign Office did not disclose the exact nature of the Iraqis' activities but British press reports said they maintained surveillance on Iraqi dissidents

living in Britain, especially members of Al Dawaa a clandestine Iraqi Shiite Muslim group.

The expelled Iraqis, who have all since left the country, were identified by the Foreign Office as Assistant Press Officer Abdul Hussein Jabara, third secretary Ghassan Mohammed Shakir and driver Samir Karim Hussein Mahdi.

Daham Mahmoud Ali, an assistant cultural councillor who left the London embassy in early October, was forbidden ever to return to Britain.

Yesterday, the United States said it had ordered out an Iraqi diplomat in retaliation for what it termed the unjustified expulsion of an American diplomat from Baghdad.

US officials said Haywood Rankin, head of the US embassy political section, had been expelled because Iraq objected to what it viewed as too extensive contacts with the minority Kurdish population.

Iraq wants to oust Syria from Lebanon

BAGHDAD, Nov 18, (Reuters): Iraq is committed to ousting Syria from Lebanon and wants Arab leaders to press Damascus to pull its troops out, President Saddam Hussein told a group of Arab leaders.

"We will extend all kinds of help to whoever wants to oust the occupier, whether he has come from Syria or from Israel," said Saddam.

"This is a fixed policy... we will continue providing the assistance in a way to help evacuation of the occupier," he told the teachers in a televised address yesterday.

Iraq has sent arms to the Christian Lebanese Forces and Palestinian factions also opposed to Syria, diplomats and security sources say.

It has officially recognised the Christian-led government of General Michel Aoun, which is vying for power with the Muslim

administration of acting Prime Minister Selim Hoss.

Saddam urged Arab leaders to ask Syrian President Hafez Al Assad to take his forces out of Lebanon and let the Lebanese solve their own problems. Syria has 25,000 troops in the country.

The Iraqi leader said Baghdad was ready to hold talks even with the Hezbollah, to help restore Lebanon's unity.

"We will hold dialogue with anybody in Lebanon including the group which belongs to the Iranian regime, we are ready to open dialogue with it for the sake of Lebanon's unity."

Israel, he said, would have greatly hesitated to occupy part of Lebanon had Damascus not intervened.

"Let the Syrian Army leave Lebanon so that the people will be united and be able to oust Israel with their rifles."

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Gorbachev assures India of continued friendship

NEW DELHI, Nov 18, (Reuters): Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev today reassured New Delhi that Moscow's warming relations with other countries — a clear reference to China — did not mean a cold shoulder for India.

In a banquet speech on the first day of his visit to India, Gorbachev complained of "not exactly friendly" comments that Soviet friendship for India was waning.

"Some go so far as saying that the Soviet Union is changing its priorities, even becoming cool

toward India. I shall not dignify with an answer such totally groundless and obviously speculative assertions," he said.

Some Indian officials say privately and some newspapers say publicly that they fear better Soviet ties with Beijing would be to India's cost.

Arrived

Gorbachev, who arrived in New Delhi today on his first trip abroad in his new role as Soviet President, told reporters at the welcome ceremony that Moscow cherished its ties with New Delhi.

The two countries are linked by a 1971 peace and friendship treaty. Gorbachev demonstrated the importance Moscow places on ties with New Delhi with a visit two years ago, his first trip to an Asian country after he came to power in March 1985.

Following a long estrangement between Moscow and Beijing, Soviet and Chinese foreign ministers are visiting each others' capitals in the coming months to lay the groundwork for a possible summit of the two communist giants.

New Delhi is also trying to improve ties with Beijing and Rajiv is making an official visit there next month, the first Indian prime minister to do so in 34 years.

Gorbachev said Moscow put its friendship with India in a class by itself. "Soviet-Indian friendship rests on a firm foundation and has nothing to do with any transient considerations or schemes."

The Soviet leader had private talks with Rajiv today that lasted nearly two-and-a-half hours. An

Indian spokesman said they were held "in an exceptionally warm atmosphere" and was at pains to stress that there was no discord.

He said the talks had ranged widely across international affairs and bilateral economic ties, but that no specifics had been discussed.

Conflicts

Gorbachev said he had begun talking with Rajiv about the role their nations had to play in solving global problems.

He said the Soviet Union and India both supported the set-

tlement of regional conflicts, an apparent reference to Afghanistan, from which Moscow is withdrawing its troops after nine years of backing Kabul in a war against Muslim rebels.

Gorbachev said the two countries would expand their economic ties from trade based predominantly on exchanging products to industrial co-operation and joint ventures.

More than 50 possible joint ventures are under discussion between Soviet and Indian officials and businessmen.

Students attack US military housing area near Seoul

SEOUL, Nov 18, (AP): Forty youths wielding iron pipes and clubs attacked a US military housing area with firebombs last night, but fled before police could apprehend them, authorities said.

Nine military vehicles and passenger cars were damaged or destroyed and two soldiers were wounded in the attack on a military housing area about 1.6 kilometre from the US 8th Army headquarters just south of central Seoul.

"I consider those who attacked an American family housing area last night to be cowardly criminals," said General Louis Menetrey, commander of US forces, in a statement issued today.

"Thugs who use iron pipes, clubs and gasoline bombs against unarmed families, women and children can be considered nothing else," he said.

Israeli Army keep high profile

Curfew lifted in Gaza

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Nov 18, (Reuters): Israel lifted a five-day curfew in the Gaza Strip yesterday but troops kept a high profile there and in the West Bank to prevent celebrations of Palestinian independence.

"We are lifting the curfew," southern commander Major-General Yitzhak Mordechai told reporters. "We proved the curfew achieved its purpose and now we must return life to the routine."

Israel has gradually eased curbs it imposed last week in the occupied territories to prevent Palestinians, now in the 12th month of an anti-Israeli uprising, from demonstrating support for Tuesday's proclamation in Algiers of independence by the Palestine National Council, the parliament-in-exile.

An Army spokesman said curfews were still imposed to confine residents to their homes in some

neighbourhoods and refugee camps of Gaza. Soldiers also barred passage through parts of the West Bank.

Military sources said they believed the curfew was the longest clamped on the Gaza Strip, home to 650,000 Palestinians, since Israel captured it from Egypt along with the West Bank from Jordan in the 1967 Middle East war.

Patrol

Today, large numbers of troops were on patrol in the occupied lands. In the Biblical West Bank city of Bethlehem, dozens of troops ringed the Central Mosque at Manger Square, said a reporter Haitham Hamad.

At an Army checkpoint on the highway to Jerusalem, soldiers ordered Palestinian youths off Jerusalem-bound buses, apparently to prevent them from reaching Friday prayers at the Al Aqsa Mosque.

Also in Bethlehem, Palestinian activists overnight strung hundreds of outlawed Palestinian flags on electricity wires along the road from Manger square to Rachel's tomb, two kilometres to the east.

Troops used long sticks topped with gasoline-soaked rags to burn the flags. Soldiers stopped several motorists along the way, asking them for matches and lighters, witnesses said.

Shops were open and streets crowded throughout the occupied lands despite a leaflet issued yesterday in the name of Hamas calling for a three-day strike to protest the Algiers proclamation.

"I am ready to reduce the deployment of troops in the strip and return the situation to normal," Mordechai said, adding that such a decision would depend on continued calm and order.

Hirohito becoming weaker

TOKYO, Nov 18, (AP): Emperor Hirohito, bedridden for two months since he coughed up blood, was growing weaker today but his vital signs were holding firm, palace officials said.

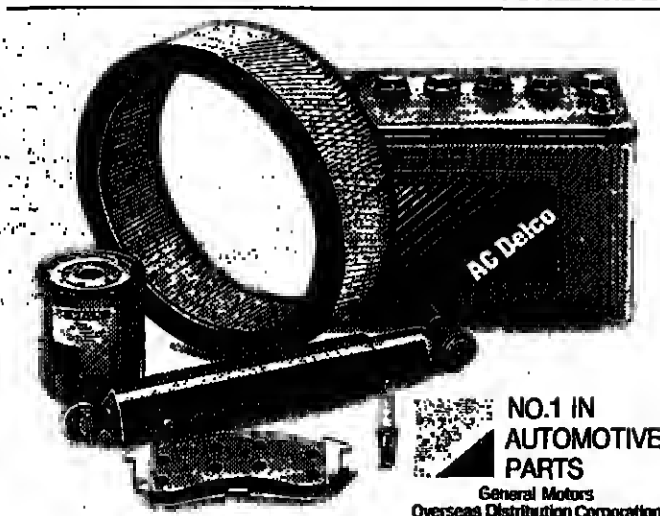
In a regular morning briefing at the palace, imperial household agency spokesman Kenji Maeda told reporters the Emperor was growing weaker and spent most of the day sleeping.

"More often now there are moments when the doctors can't tell if the Emperor is awake or asleep," Maeda said. He added, however, that in general the emperor was holding firm and there were no indications that his anemia was worsening.

The spokesman, whose agency handles all court affairs, said Hirohito's fever declined this morning to 36.9 degree Celsius (98.42 F).

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Marcos falls sick, may avoid court orders

HONOLULU, Nov 18, (Reuters): A spokesman for deposed Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos said Marcos was seriously ill and might be physically unable to obey court orders to turn over bank records and be fingerprinted.

Asked to describe Marcos's illness, the spokesman, Gemmo Trinidad, told Reuters: "I can't elaborate. It is a sad situation. I do not think it is possible he will be able to obey the court orders, but I do not know for sure."

The US Supreme Court on Monday ordered Marcos, 71, and his wife Imelda, who have been charged with looting the Philippine treasury of \$103 million and defrauding US banks of \$165 million, to hand over foreign bank records, handwriting samples and "voice prints" and undergo fingerprinting.

The couple had been expected at the offices of the FBI in Honolulu, where they are living in exile, within 48 hours to be fingerprinted.

If he does not obey the court orders, Marcos could be held in contempt of court.

China withdraws air rights for S. Korea

BEIJING, Nov 18, (Reuters): China has abruptly withdrawn rights for Korean Air Lines to fly over its airspace, probably because of pressure from North Korea, an adviser to KAL said.

Peter Hyun told a journalists' luncheon that KAL was granted the rights during the Olympics in September, to be continued on a month-to-month basis, but they were cancelled without explanation at the end of October.

Hyun said it was not a question of fees. "Most likely, it was pressure from North Korea. Hyun's appearance was the first time a person with close links to the South Korean government has met the foreign press in Beijing.

Directives

North Korea is a close political and military ally of China and has been enraged by the growing economic ties between China and South Korea.

Asian diplomats in Beijing say that while China's Foreign Ministry opposes closer links with South Korea, economic ministries keenly want its capital and

technology.

A Chinese factory manager said he had received several directives from the Foreign Ministry not to conclude any agreements with South Korean companies unless they were in the name of subsidiaries in a third place, like Hong Kong or Japan.

Hyun, who is on his 15th visit to China and travels on a US passport, said the overflights had saved KAL two hours in flying time on routes to the Middle East and Europe and China's airplanes were welcome to overfly South Korea airspace.

Hyun said bilateral trade this year would reach \$3 billion, double the 1987 level and nearly six times the level of trade between China and North Korea in 1987, adding that direct trade between China and the South began this year.

Korean business sources said all major companies in South Korea were involved in trade with China, with small and medium-sized concerns becoming interested this year as China became more liberal in issuing entry visas.

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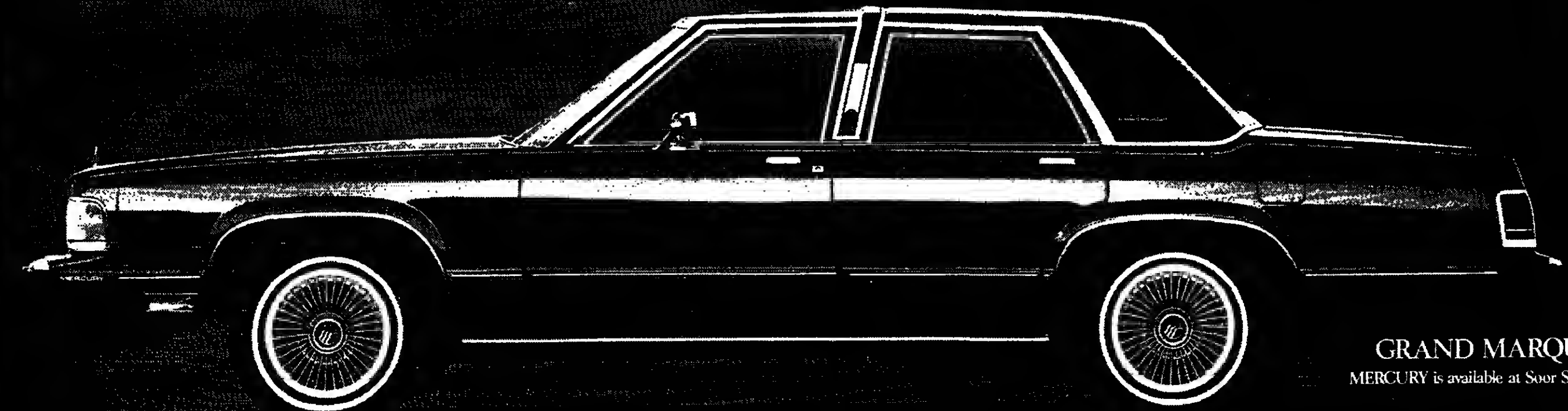
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Kuwaiti minister discusses security issues with Waldheim

VIENNA, Nov. 18. (KUNA): Kuwaiti Interior Minister Sheikh Salem and his accompanying delegation left here today for London, wending up an official five-day visit to Austria.

At the airport, Sheikh Salem was seen off by his Austrian counterpart Karl Blecha, senior interior and security officials and the Kuwaiti ambassador to Vienna Abdel Hamid Al Awadi.

During his stay, the Kuwaiti minister met with President Kurt Waldheim, Blecha and Vice-Chancellor and Foreign Minister Alois Mock.

Talks focused on bilateral issues, particularly co-operation in the security field, including the exchange of information on fighting terrorism and narcotics.

Security

Sheikh Salem said an Austrian delegation of experts in security and police affairs will visit Kuwait.

Following his meeting with Waldheim, Sheikh Salem told KUNA that he relayed a message from HH the Amir to the Austrian President on bilateral links and international issues.

The Salem-Waldheim meeting also touched on the new independent Palestinian state.

Sheikh Salem said he also discussed the Palestine National Council's (PNC) decision on the establishment of a Palestinian state with Mock, Blecha and the parliament's speaker.

He said Mock told him that the Austrian government supports — in principle — the recent Palestinian decisions in Algiers. However, Mock indicated that there are some articles in the statement which his government would like to consider thoroughly.

Sheikh Salem noted that Waldheim and other ranking Vienna officials understand Kuwait's position on various global matters.

He said that Waldheim entrusted him with a message to the Amir.

Sheikh Salem said that Austrian recognition of the Palestinian state will be the inevitable and logical conclusion, if the good relations between Vienna and the PLO is taken into account.

The Austrian President said his talks with the Kuwaiti minister gave him the opportunity to add to the constructive dialogue he began with the Amir and HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah during his recent visit to Kuwait.

He also said the visit will enhance the already strong relations between the two friendly countries.

Earlier in the week, Blecha and Sheikh Sabah agreed to resume talks on combating terrorism, drug trafficking, controlling illegal immigration and the possibility of cancelling entry visas

for the citizens of the two countries.

Sheikh Salem said the ceasefire to the Iran-Iraq war might encourage some unemployed people to head for Kuwait or any Gulf state to look for work.

"Kuwait will welcome anyone who comes to it by legal means to work and live in peace within the Kuwaiti community, but Kuwait will take all available measures to prevent 'chaotic' immigration and infiltration," Sheikh Salem said.

Asked on whether Kuwait will reopen the parliament since the Iran-Iraq war has ended, Sheikh Salem said: "When HH the Amir found it necessary to suspend some articles of the Kuwaiti Constitution he did not rule out the possibility of re-election. We are still committed to the constitution and to the law."

Flat

Sheikh Salem reiterated Kuwait's determination to combat all sorts of terrorism and warned that Kuwait use an iron fist against anyone who attempts to harm its security.

Discussing the hijacking of the Kuwait airliner Al Jaberiya last April, Sheikh Salem said the incident was not the first.

"But the Kuwaiti government's stand was and will remain: no submission to terrorism and terrorists whatever it costs us and it did cost us the lives of innocent Kuwaitis," he said.

Two hospitals criticised in national health survey

By Mahmoud Morsi

THE public is generally not satisfied with the health services being offered by Amiri Hospital, according to a national health survey.

The survey also showed that Kuwaiti residents around Mubarak Al Kaber Hospital are dissatisfied with the level of competence shown by operating doctors there.

However, 98 per cent of the citizens and expatriates surveyed are generally satisfied with the level of competence shown by doctors in government hospitals, the survey said.

Plans

Results of the national health survey will be used as the basis for plans to overcome existing health care shortages and to upgrade the level of public health services in Kuwait, according to Dr Khalifa Al Saqqabi, director of the Planning and Follow-up Department at the Ministry of Public Health.

The survey showed that 96 per cent of those interviewed were vaccinated against diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough. Ninety-four per cent were vaccinated against polio and 89 per

cent were immunized against measles.

Al Saqqabi said the survey showed that 44 per cent of Kuwaiti mothers breastfeed their babies, compared to 56 per cent of non-Kuwaiti mothers. Breastfeeding continued for 16.6 months in the case of Kuwaiti mothers and for 16.7 months by non-Kuwaitis.

The survey also showed that 32 per cent of males above 12 years of age are smokers and that 4 per cent of females in the same age group smoke. Drug addiction affects 1 per cent of those interviewed. Two per cent of those Kuwaitis surveyed drink liquor and 3 per cent of the non-Kuwaitis drink alcohol, Al Saqqabi said.

Marriages

The survey also revealed that the average age when Kuwaitis marry is 18 years. Among non-Kuwaitis, the average age is 19.4 years.

The survey also showed that 24.7 per cent of those Kuwaiti marriages were made inside the family, compared to 23.2 per cent among non-Kuwaitis.

The survey, which included interviews with 3,607 families, cost about KD 300,000, Al Saqqabi said.

Man sentenced on drug charge

AMAN identified as M.H.B. was sentenced to two years' imprisonment by the Criminal Court on a charge of attempting to bring hashish into the country.

The defendant admitted that he brought 38 grammes of the substance into the country on April 4 for his own use.

In addition to the prison sentence, the man was ordered to pay a fine of KD200 and KD20 customs duty. He will be deported at the end of the prison term.

Ration card centres open

THE Undersecretary of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Abdullah Al Hmad has said that citizens and expatriates who wish to renew their ration cards may do so from 7.30 am to 1.30 pm and from 4 to 8 pm at ministry ration card centres.

Local merchants complain about Asian companies

KUWAITI companies and merchants are complaining that Korean and Japanese companies who practice unlicensed activities are infiltrating the local market.

The merchants said that the Ministry of Commerce and Industry is responsible for the problem which is hurting Kuwaiti businesses and the national economy.

Attractive

Some Korean companies deal in all commercial activities and win tenders due to their low prices. These companies are supported by their governments and are able to offer low prices when tendering, the merchants said.

In one instance, a Korean office exported tyres to Iraq and Iran at the expense of a Kuwaiti company which was supposed to supply

the tyres. The Korean office submitted an attractive offer with low prices for the tyres which were imported from a socialist country.

The merchants admitted that these companies have the right to compete in the local market. But, they added that competition should be fair and legal. The Korean companies should also be limited to dealing in one commercial activity, they said.

Laws

They called for revising Kuwaiti commercial laws which permit foreign companies to enter the local market easily. These Asian companies do not have similar offices in Bahrain, Saudi Arabia or Dubai because they cannot practice their activities there like in Kuwait, they claimed.

Court adjourns trial of pair in kidnap case

ABU DHABI, Nov. 18. (AP): A criminal court in the United Arab Emirates yesterday ordered a one-week adjournment in the case of two Irishmen charged with kidnapping a five-year-old girl involved in a custody of dispute.

Gerard Flynn, 25, and Dennis Dennehy, 28, both from Dublin, are accused of trying to return Nadine Nasser to her Irish mother, Ann McManus, a nurse. The child was living with her Jordanian father, Samir Nasser, a physician who holds both Jordanian and Irish nationality.

Gagged

Mrs Teresa Nasser, Nadine's stepmother, told the court during Thursday's hearing that the Irishmen burst into the couple's home in the town of Khor Fakkan and took Nadine away.

She said they tied her and Nasser up and gagged them both

with sticking plaster. "No they have not hurt me," Mrs Nasser, from the Philippines, said in response to a question. "But one of them put his hand in my pocket and pulled out a toy pistol."

"I was terribly scared when they both burst into house. They used rope to tie me, then lock me in the bathroom," she added.

The girl is to testify when the hearing resumes on Thursday. Nasser told the court he was granted custody of the child by a Jordanian Muslim court after taking her on a vacation. Nasser and McManus had divorced and Nadine was living with her mother.

The two Irishmen were arrested at Sharjah International Airport on Sept. 4. They denied kidnapping the child, saying they were only taking her to her mother. They also denied taking money from McManus.

OIC official hails PNC declaration

UNITED NATIONS, Nov. 18. (KUNA): The Secretary-general of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference (OIC), Syed Sharifuddin Pirzada, hailed the declaration of an independent Palestinian state adopted by the Palestine National Council (PNC) in Algiers early Tuesday.

In a statement distributed here, Pirzada congratulated the PNC for adopting "this heroic declaration which is an eloquent testimony of the wisdom, sagacity and political acumen of the Palestinian leadership."

Opportunity

Pirzada called upon the international community, particularly the parties directly concerned, to seize this opportunity for promoting a just and durable peace in the Middle East by urgently convening the international conference with full and equal participation of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people.

He also called upon the international community to extend its full support to the Palestinian struggle for self-determination and national liberation by recognizing the independent Palestinian state.

He said the Palestinian people who have endured endless suffering at the hands of Zionist aggression, have once again demonstrated their passion for peace and justice by adopting a new peace strategy.

No sentence imposed in rape case

THE Court of Cassation has upheld the decision by the Court of Appeal which imposed no sentence on a teacher accused of attempted rape of one of his female students.

The Criminal Court originally sentenced the defendant to 10 years in jail with hard labour to be followed by deportation.

The teacher appealed the verdict and the Court of Appeals refrained from passing sentence.

The general prosecution appealed the decision of the Court of Appeals but the Court of Cassation agreed with the ruling in which no sentence was imposed.



The man pictured with some of the illegally purchased goods.

Kuwaiti arrested for fraud

THE Kuwait City CID men have arrested a Kuwaiti citizen on a charge of fraud.

Security investigations revealed that the accused was purchasing large quantities of

jewellery and gold with bad cheques and then selling the goods to other dealers.

The man confessed to the charge and was referred to the relevant security authorities for further action.

Phone services improving

TELEPHONE customers in several areas of Kuwait are still experiencing technical problems, but work to improve services will begin as soon as possible, according to Minister of Communications Abdullah Al Sharhan.

Subscribers in Jahra, Sulayhiyeh, Ahmadi, Farwaniya and Jleha Al Shiyookh still have telephone problems, the minister said.

Bids for network improvement projects in these areas will be invited as soon as possible, he said.

Better

There have been some improvements in telephone service in other areas of the country. Customers in Salmiya, Hawalli and other areas are enjoying better services now, the minister said.

In an exclusive interview with the daily, Al-Sayassah, the minister discussed future plans.

The telephone network improvement project will be completed in 1992, he said. Four of the project's five phases have already been completed.

The minister promised the backlog of applications for phone service in Farwaniya will

soon be processed.

There are plans to expand the central exchange of Farwaniya to accommodate tens of thousands of telephone lines, he said.

Turning to a related matter, the minister said it will be some time before a videotex service will be brought to Kuwait. The videotex service has not even been made available to the public in advanced countries, he said.

Discussing mobile telephone services in Kuwait, the minister said expansion of the car telephone network and the need for spare parts is under study.

The ministry is making a concerted effort to collect money owed by subscribers who have left the country without paying their telephone bills.

Owed

As of June 30, subscribers owed the ministry KD24,519,000, he said. The ministry is working with other governments to collect these bills.

Meanwhile, a plan to link Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) states via a new telephone network unification project is being reviewed by a joint technical committee, the minister said.

Argentina honours Kuwaiti UN delegate

UNITED NATIONS, Nov. 18. (KUNA): Argentina on Tuesday decorated Kuwait's United Nations Chief Delegate Mohammad A. Abulhasan with the grand cross of the "Orden del Libertador," the country's highest award to a foreign official.

The honour was bestowed on Abulhasan by Argentine Foreign Minister Dante Caputo during a ceremony at the Argentine mission to the United Nations. Caputo is also the current president of the General Assembly. Abulhasan is Kuwait's oco-resident ambassador to Argentina.

Pleasure

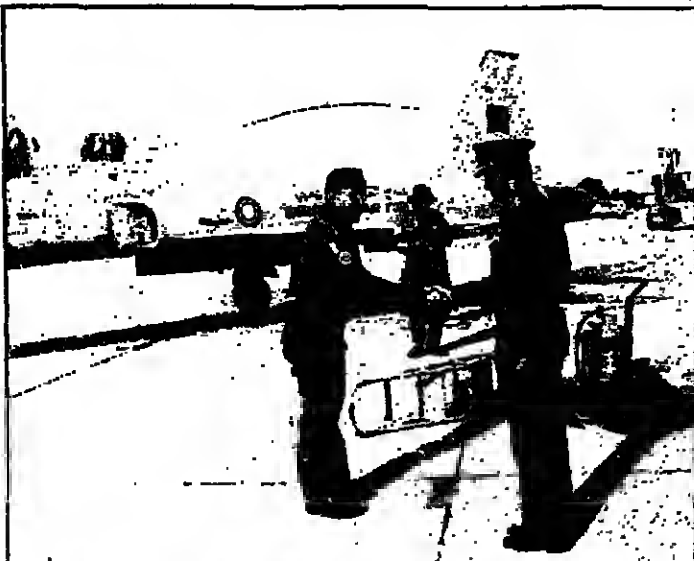
"It has always been a source of satisfaction for me to decorate a foreign ambassador, but on this occasion I have to admit a double pleasure, as ambassador Abulhasan not only represents the State of Kuwait at the United

Nations, but is also the non-resident ambassador to Argentina," Caputo said.

Abulhasan, who emerged as one of the leading personalities of the Arab world, Caputo said. "His skills and personal knowledge of international matters are instrumental to the excellent job he is doing as chairman of the (General Assembly's) Third Committee (on Humanitarian and Social Affairs)," Caputo said.

Caputo then turned to the question of Palestine which he said was of interest not only to Argentina's foreign policy but to the international community as a whole.

"We all have a debt with the Palestinian people, and this organisation, in particular, should be committed to honour that debt," Caputo said.



Commander of the Air Force Brigade, Brig. Abdulaziz Al Ghenem (right) shaking hands with a Bahraini officer before the Bahraini delegation that took part in the GCC air manoeuvres left Kuwait yesterday.

Kuwait calls for protection of children's rights

UNITED NATIONS, Nov. 18. (KUNA): Kuwait on Wednesday called for international measures to protect children's rights.

Speaking in the UN General Assembly's third committee on Social, Humanitarian and Cultural issues, Kuwaiti Representative Sheikh Salem Al Jaber Al Sabah said, however, that such measures should not undermine the role of the family and should take cultural differences into account.

The Third Committee, which ended its debate on humanitarian issues and property rights on Tuesday evening, is led by Kuwaiti Ambassador Mohammad A. Abulhasan.

Conditions

Sheikh Salem noted the situation of children in developing countries require concerted international efforts to improve economic and social conditions. Social programmes, including those affecting children, were curtailed because of those countries' limited resources, he said.

"Because of the devastating effects of armed conflicts on children, the international community should take steps to reduce tensions, resolve conflicts and end violence against children," he said.



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Sri Lanka to tighten security for polls

COLOMBO, Nov 18, (Reuters): Security will be further tightened at presidential election rallies in Sri Lanka after a bomb attack killed three people at an opposition meeting, a police official said today.

About 75 people were injured yesterday when two bombs were thrown at the rally in support of Ouse Abeygoonesekera, candidate of the small leftist People's Party.

Witnesses said most were injured when the crowd of about 5,000 stampeded away from the scene of the rally at a road intersection in a congested area of Colombo.

"There was pandemonium. People ran here and there and fell over each other. Many were trampled," one witness said.

Abeygoonesekera, vice-president of the party, escaped unhurt but his secretary Y.P. de Silva was injured. It was the first public rally launching Abeygoonesekera's campaign for the Dec 19 election.

The police official said that uniformed and plainclothes police already guarded election

rallies and that police riot squads stood by at potential trouble spots.

"We will now have to provide further security," the official said without elaborating.

Abeygoonesekera is supported by three other leftist parties and also by a Tamil militant group which until last year was fighting to set up an independent state in the north and east.

The other two candidates, Prime Minister Ranasinghe Premadasa of the ruling United National Party and former Prime Minister Sirima Bandaranaike of the Freedom Party, have also started their campaigns to replace President Junius Jayewardene, who is not standing for re-election.

Meetings planned for yesterday by the Freedom Party in the north-central district of Anuradhapura had to be cancelled because of a bomb attack on the party's office there earlier in the week, police said.

Police said they suspected a Marxist group, the People's Liberation Front, was responsible for the bombing in Colombo.

Afghan diplomats defect to America

UNITED NATIONS, Nov 18 (AP): Two diplomats who accompanied Afghan Prime Minister Mohammad Hassan Sharq on his mission to the United Nations last week have defected, US officials said yesterday.

An official at the US mission to the United Nations said the State Department confirmed that two Afghan diplomats did not return to Kabul, but would not say more about their whereabouts. He spoke on condition of anonymity.

Other US officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, confirmed both diplomats had defected to the United States.

Rockets

Sharq was in New York last week for talks with UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar and other officials.

Meanwhile, rebels fired rockets into the eastern Afghan town of Jalalabad yesterday, killing seven people, the official Kabul Radio said.

It said four people were also wounded by the four surface-to-

surface missiles fired by "extremist elements," a label Kabul uses for Muslim mujahedeen fighting the Soviet-backed government.

The Western-backed guerrillas have frequently rocketed towns since Moscow began withdrawing its troops from Afghanistan last May under UN mediated accords.

Earlier, six foreign journalists injured in eastern Afghanistan on Wednesday were wounded in a rebel rocket attack, Western diplomats said.

The Islamabad-based diplomats said a rocket landed near an armoured personnel carrier carrying journalists on a visit to a key road government forces recaptured from Muslim rebels last Sunday.

The Afghan authorities said the six were taken to the capital Kabul for treatment.

The official Kabul Radio said on Wednesday journalists from the Soviet Union, France, Japan and India visited the highway which runs from the provincial capital of Jalalabad to the Pakistan border.

Six killed in Punjab violence

AMRITSAR, Nov 18, (Reuters): Four Sikh extremists and two policemen were killed in an hour-long gunbattle in north India's Punjab state yesterday, police said.

Among the dead was Baj Singh, a senior member of one of the most violent militant groups fighting for a separate homeland for India's 15 million Sikhs, they said.

The Press Trust of India said the clash occurred in a village near the Sikh Holy City of Amritsar.

State Governor Siddhartha Shankar Ray meanwhile announced that elections to restore local rule in Punjab would begin in March.

Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi imposed direct rule on Punjab, India's premier agricultural state, in 1987 as part of his strategy to contain extremist violence.

Burmese diplomats get refuge

CANBERRA, Nov 18, (Reuters): Australia today granted refuge to three Burmese diplomats who feared they would be arrested and possibly executed if they returned home.

"The decision was based on humanitarian grounds," Immigration Minister Robert Ray said.

The diplomats, Myint Soe, first secretary, Maung Maung Nyo, second secretary, and Htoo Myint, chancellor, sought refuge on Nov 8 after being recalled to Burma.

They said they were supporters of the mass movement for democratisation in Burma, being run by a military council after a coup in September.

"In the wake of the military takeover in Burma, these men feared that on recall they would be dismissed from their jobs and arrested," Ray said.

Aspirin makers asked to warn women

WASHINGTON, Nov 18, (AP): The US Food and Drug Administration is telling Aspirin makers to warn women not to take the popular pain killer during the last three months of pregnancy lest they risk prolonged labour and unnecessary bleeding.

Aspirin products in the United States already must carry the standard warning: "As with any drug, if you are pregnant or nursing a baby seek the advice of a health professional before using this product."

This additional wording would be required under the FDA proposal issued on Thursday: "Important: Do not take this product during the last three months of pregnancy unless directed by a doctor. Aspirin taken near the time of delivery may cause bleeding problems in both mother and child."

Although it could be a year before the FDA, which licenses and monitors the prescription drug industry in the United States, will be able to impose the new labelling requirements formally, officials said Aspirin manufacturers probably will move sooner to comply since there is little chance the agency will change its mind.

Peace accord signed to end Sudan civil war

KHARTOUM, Nov 18, (Reuters): Thousands of people gave a hero's welcome yesterday to a Sudanese politician on his return to Khartoum with a peace agreement aimed at ending the five-year civil war in the south.

Mohammed Osman Al Mirghani, leader of Sudan's co-ruling Democratic Unionist Party (DUP), arrived amid tight security from his talks in the Ethiopian capital Addis Ababa where he negotiated a peace pact with rebel chief John Garang.

"The political and economic future of Sudan depends entirely on peace," Mirghani told reporters on arrival.

Approve

The thousands who thronged the airport road sang and danced as they waited for Mirghani's motorcade to emerge.

Rebels of John Garang's Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) have been fighting in the south since 1983 to end what they see as excessive influence by the Muslim, Arabised north in the mainly Christian and animist region.

The DUP-SPLA accord, which can only come into force if the Khartoum government and parliament approve it, calls for a ceasefire, the lifting of Sudan's

state of emergency and a freeze of new Islamic sharia laws until a constitutional conference is held to decide the future of the country.

The agreement also calls for the abrogation of military pacts with other nations, a reference widely believed to refer to those signed with neighbouring Egypt and Libya.

Prime Minister Sadeq Al Mahdi's Umma Party, the senior partner in the six-month-old coalition, was expected to issue a statement on the accord later yesterday, according to senior Umma officials.

They said the statement was likely to be in favour of the pact, which is vehemently opposed by the militant National Islamic Front.

Conditions

NIF leader Hassan Al Tourabi was quoted in Al Raya newspaper as saying that the party was keen on peace but was not prepared to accept conditions set by the rebels.

Arab and Western diplomats in Khartoum have said that the accord was likely to cause bitter feuding within Mahdi's government, already beset by economic crises, protests against living

conditions and a seemingly endless series of industrial actions.

Mahdi, who has given his blessing to the DUP's peace efforts, told reporters earlier yesterday that the cabinet would discuss the accord in its regular meeting on Sunday.

Ceasefire

SPLA and the DUP say that their agreement does not mean an immediate ceasefire.

"Factors which led to war in 1983 will have to be resolved before a ceasefire," said SPLA leader John Garang.

Besides freezing the implementation of Islamic sharia law, the agreement calls for a constitutional conference on the nation's future.

Diplomats and other sources close to the SPLA-DUP talks say such a conference would have to give southerners a larger voice in running Sudan.

Pacts

The agreement also calls for the abrogation of military cooperation agreements with Egypt and Libya and the lifting of the state of emergency imposed in 1985.

These terms are similar to the 1986 Koka Dam agreement between the SPLA and a semi-official group of Sudanese

Bangladesh gets \$500m flood aid

UNITED NATIONS, Nov 18, (Reuters): Contributions announced at a special meeting on aid to flood-stricken Bangladesh have raised the total of donations and pledges to some \$500 million, the United Nations said yesterday.

The meeting, held at UN headquarters on Wednesday, was opened by Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar and addressed by Bangladeshi President Hossain Mohammad Ershad.

More than three-fourths of Bangladesh was submerged by the worst floods in the country's history in August and September. The floods affected about 45 million people.

The contributions, in cash and kind, were announced by UN delegates and representatives of UN and other agencies.

The donations represent just under half the total of \$1.14 billion that a recent report by a joint Bangladesh-UN task force said would be needed for a reconstruction and rehabilitation programme.

More than \$424 million of this sum would be for immediate needs and over \$712 million for long-term projects.



Mirghani: hero

politicians and trade unionists.

That agreement failed to produce a ceasefire.

"SPLA is definitely committed to a ceasefire, but what happens next depends on the steps the government in Khartoum is taking," Garang said, speaking after the Wednesday night signing of the peace plan agreement.

Division

Garang, along with many diplomats, suggested that the agreement itself could not resolve the north-south division that has plagued Sudan since independence in 1956.

"Sudan is not only for those who claim to be Arabs. There are millions of Dinka, the Nuers and many others who are also Sudanese," Garang said.



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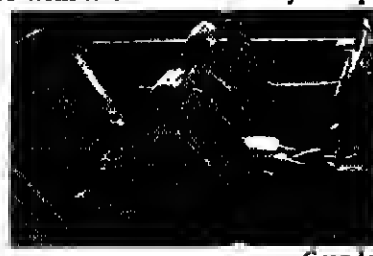
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NO one can worship God or love his neighbour on an empty stomach — Woodrow Wilson, US president (1856-1924).

US vice-presidents: relatively obscure

By Walter R. Mears

WASHINGTON, (AP): Dan Quayle's new boss says the 44th vice-president of the United States will be one of the great ones, but it's going to be hard to tell whether he is or not. Greatness is not easily discerned in underdogs.

Nobody much remembers vice-presidents who do not get promoted.

Thirteen, going on fourteen, of the men who have served as standing, waiting and presiding over the Senate have become presidents by succession or by election.

Unless they made their marks elsewhere, the rest aren't as well known as Alexander Hamilton, the Broadway vice-president who got the job by losing a drawing, and then had to join a tour group to find a way into the White House.

For the record, Charles Curtis was the real vice-president when "Of Three I Sing" opened in 1931. He was said to have been the inspiration for the Throbbottom character.

Complain

Quayle, who has faced Democratic scorn and Republican reservations, complained during the campaign about being depicted as a sort of male Bimbo. One of his campaign assignments seemed to be to lower his phantasmic profile. President-elect Bush campaigned with him only twice, and mentioned his running mate infrequently.

For all the Democratic complaints about negative campaigning by the Republicans, nobody faced so savage and personal an onslaught as J. Danforth Quayle. There's been nothing like it since the Democratic campaign commercial two decades ago that showed Spiro T. Agnew's face against a sound track of laughter.

But Quayle says he's willing to be a target, and that the image he's concerned about is that of the incoming president.

"He's had a baptism by fire," Bush said Wednesday as he returned to Washington in victory. "But steel is tougher, harder, when it's been tempered by the flame."

"Sudden national fame can be tough, it can be tough on your family. We all know that, all of us. But let me tell you about him. He's going to be one of the great vice-presidents."

But John Nance Garner, who held the job under Franklin D. Roosevelt and said it wasn't worth a bucket of warm spit, once ventured this observation: "A great man may be vice-president but he can't be a great vice president because the office in itself is unimportant."

It was Alben Barkley, elected Harry S. Truman's vice-president in 1948 at the age of 70, who told about the man who had two sons: "One went to sea, the other was elected vice-president. He never heard of either of them again."

But then the call comes, too many politicians have turned down second place in a presidential ticket.

Bush said he hadn't yet worked out the details of Quayle's assignments.

When Quayle isn't reading the kind of books mentioned during the vice-presidential debate, he may find comfort — and vice-presidential conversation pieces — in "America's Vice Presidents," a 1984 book by Donna Dixon Healy. It offers a readable essay on each of them, Adams to Bush.

If anybody starts giving him a hard time about his full name again, as Michael Dukakis tried to do, Quayle can look back to vice-president George M. Dallas, who gave his name to a small Texas town in 1846. Or to vice-president Henry Wilson, who changed his name from Jeremiah Jones Colbath when he was 21.

Or he can read Ms. Healy's account of James S. Sherman, overweight running mate to the hefty President William Howard Taft. They got on well at first, and became golfing companions. "This continued until Taft discovered not only that his vice-president would not go along with his reform programmes, but that he did not play golf very well," she writes.

The lot of a black national hero

By David Crary

NEW BRIGHTON, South Africa, (AP): In a town, brick townhouse near a fortified police station lives a soft-spoken, bespectacled old man. The police consider him a threat to state security. To others, he is a national hero.

Givan Mbeki, 78, was freed from prison a year ago, 23 years after he, Nelson Mandela and other African National Congress leaders received life sentences for conspiring against the white-led government.

Mandela and five co-defendants remain in custody, but there are persistent hints they may soon be released. If they go free, one factor will have been Mbeki's willingness to ensure severe restrictions that have cut him off from many of the blacks who revere him.

"The future of Mandela and others is in some extent in Mbeki's hands," a government official said last year.

Within a month of his release, Mbeki was prohibited from leaving the area around Port Elizabeth, barred from addressing meetings and banned from writing for publication.

Visitors

He may receive visitors at his two-storey apartment in New Brighton, a black township adjoining Port Elizabeth, but he cannot be quoted in the media.

"His presence is symbolic," said the Rev. Mcebisi Xundu, an Anglican minister who knows Mbeki well. "His release was a resurrection. No one expected to see him this side of the grave."

Immediately after his release, Mbeki reaffirmed his support for the ANC's guerrilla campaign and his allegiance to the outlawed South African Communist Party.

His steadfastness has earned him deep respect in New Brighton and neighbouring townships, which form one of the most militant, pro-ANC strongholds in South Africa. Mbeki, a former teacher and journalist, moved to the area in 1955 and became the ANC's national chairman the next year.

"He's a legend," said a government-employed librarian. "He's a symbol of hope that Mandela and others will be freed."

A visitor to Mbeki's home encounters a gracious, relaxed man whose eloquence brings to mind a retired professor. He reads a great deal, including pro-government newspapers, and receives a steady stream of guests.

Gracious

Mbeki's wife and daughter live in the black homeland of Transkei and visit only occasionally. His three sons left South Africa for political reasons — one of them, Thabo, is a leader of the ANC.

Associates say Mbeki manages to communicate with his sons and other colleagues despite restrictions.

"He's got but lines all over," said Judy Chalmers, regional coordinator of the black Sash Civil Rights Group.

Xundu said the restrictions that Mbeki must observe are the bare minimum from publishing articles.

"He would like to write his thoughts and engage intellectually with the powers that be," Xundu said.

Reforms

Associates have the impression that Mbeki views the government's limited reforms of recent years as cosmetic changes that do not address the fundamental issue of black political rights.

"They say Mbeki has a deeply rooted optimism that black majority rule is inevitable. Under apartheid, blacks have no vote in national affairs and a white minority controls the economy and maintains separate schools and districts."

A local human rights worker, Mike Mjekula, said the restrictions on Mbeki have been difficult on the former prisoner.

"They (the government) have managed to release him and silence him and create a situation where he is useless," Mjekula said.

Tough task lies ahead

By Oliver Wates

ISLAMABAD, (Reuters): Benazir Bhutto's partial victory in Wednesday's Pakistani elections will test her political skills to the utmost, political analysts said.

The failure of her Pakistan People's Party (PPP) to win an overall majority will thrust her, inexperienced and only 35 years old, into the minefield of coalition government.

"She's very untied. It will be a very great test," a senior Western diplomat commented.

Capable

With one seat to be declared, the PPP was still 17 short of the 109 needed for an absolute majority. Its main rival, the pro-government Islamic Democratic Alliance (IDA), won 54 seats and independents and minor parties 58.

Bhutto called on acting President Ghulam Ishaq Khan on Thursday to nominate her as prime minister.

Under the constitution, the 73-year-old President can choose any deputy he thinks capable of winning a vote of confidence.

By David Morgan

LONDON, (Reuters): A smooth transition in Pakistan from military to civil rule should pave the way for fresh international Monetary Fund (IMF) credits needed to maintain strong economic growth, London-based bankers said.

But they said they had questioned whether a new government would accept reforms negotiated under the late President Muhammad Zia-ul-Haq on which new IMF credits depend.

Freedom

The bankers added that delay on the money could force Pakistan to cut imports or use dwindling foreign exchange reserves to fund a growing current account deficit.

"The transition to a new government has proceeded quite smoothly and it is not obvious that there would be a major policy shift," said Peter Gutmann, senior research manager in National Westminster Bank PLC's Market Intelligence Department.

By William Echikson

BUDAPEST: Some Yugoslavs see the spectre of Lebanon hanging over their country.

"The Lebanonisation of Yugoslavia is a real present danger," says Stanko Sajtinac of the Yugoslav Tanjug news agency. "We may break apart into different groups, each with separate armies at war with the other."

Like Lebanon, this Balkan country is a fragile composition of ethnic groups — Serbs, Albanians, Slovenes, Croats, and others. A deteriorating economy and rising Serbian nationalism have now erupted into worker protests and nationalist rallies. President Raif Dizdarevic has threatened to decree martial law unless the confrontations end.

In a communist state that has traditionally ensured stable prices and work for everybody, inflation is running at 217 per cent, the highest in Europe. Unemployment stands at 15 per cent. Angry workers demonstrated recently against declining living standards in Montenegro, forcing the resignation of the republic's government.

"If people were getting richer, not poorer," says one Western banker, "they wouldn't be at each other's throats."

Purge

A new Serbian leader, Slobodan Milosevic, came to power 14 months ago, and proceeded to launch a broad movement to reassert Serbian nationalism. He purged the local Serbian party apparatus. He installed his own men in the news media. Then he began to push for a greater share of power within the entire republic.

Before 1945, Serbia dominated Yugoslavia. It was the biggest and most populous of the nine republics and was the major force in creating the country. The other nationalities resented Serbian hegemony, and ethnic hatreds led to bloody conflict during World War II.

After the war, President Josip Broz Tito curbed Serbian power. He divided the country into six separate republics, each with strong powers. He further broke up the Serbian republic by granting autonomy to the southern Kosovo, which is populated primarily by Albanians, and to northern Vojvodina, home to a mixed population of ethnic Hungarians, Romanians, Germans, and Serbs.

"As soon as Milosevic came in and began talking about a 'greater Serbia', I knew there was going to be trouble," says another Western banker. "He kicked all the liberals out and there was no one to stop him."

Terror

Milosevic's first target was the Albanians in Kosovo. To Serbs, Kosovo is the heartland of their medieval kingdom. But Albanians outnumber Serbs by 8 to 1 in the province, and the Serbs claim that the Albanians are attempting to drive them out through a campaign of terror, including rape. After the smallest incident, cries of "genocide" are often heard.

"Women can't walk out on the streets unaccompanied," said one Serbian nationalist in Kosovo. "A Serbian woman in Kosovo is like a Serbian woman in the capital Pritishina. 'The Albanians destroy our crops and kill our animals.'"

Starting in July, Milosevic organized almost daily demonstrations by his supporters. Thousands showed up. "We want arms," they shouted. "Send the Army to Kosovo."

On Sept 30, the Politburo of the entire Yugoslav Communist Party caved in to Milosevic's demand that Kosovo and Vojvodina be returned to Serbia's control. The two autonomous provinces will lose most of the former powers over the police and the economy.

When Vojvodina's party leaders resisted the decision, Milosevic sent in his Serbian masses. More than 100,000 demonstrators surrounded the Communist Party headquarters Oct 6 in Novi Sad, the capital of Vojvodina, and forced the resignation of the entire provincial leadership.

"It was scary," says Tanjug journalist Sajtinac, who is from Novi Sad. "My Vojvodina is dead."

Frighten

Milosevic and his Serbian nationalism frightened all of Yugoslavia's non-Serbian nationalities. One Slovene paper has compared him to Mussolini. France Seine, a Slovene member of the federal Politburo, has resigned in protest — the first time in memory that a member of the ruling Politburo has stepped down in public protest against party policy.

But to Serbs, Milosevic is a hero. During the demonstrations his face appears everywhere on Serbian posters.

"The crowds shout, 'Slobodon, we love you,' reports Alexander Ziga, a journalist at Belgrade radio. "Serbs see him as the saviour."

Milosevic is pushing for major changes in the top ranks. It appears that Kosovo's leadership will be replaced. A delegation from the federal Politburo criticized the Albanian authorities for permitting attacks on Serbs.

Victory

Where will Milosevic stop? His supporters sense victory, and it will be hard for him to call off the demonstrations.

So far, the non-Serbs have hesitated to organize counter-demonstrations in their own republics. They fear that such a move might destroy Yugoslavia as a united country. This possibility alarms Yugoslavia's neighbours — and the superpowers. NATO planners have always been wary of seeing this communist but staunchly independent country, with a long Mediterranean coast, fall back under Soviet influence.

"Sure, Gorbachev may be too pre-occupied with his own problems at home to take advantage of Yugoslavia's problems," says a Western diplomat. "But there could be a chain reaction."

No one in the Balkans forgets how the assassination of Austrian Archduke Franz Ferdinand sparked a response among the great powers that led to World War I.

The Christian Science Monitor.

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1521 — War between French and Valois breaks out in Italy.
- 1807 — France invades Portugal.
- 1809 — French forces defeat Spanish at Ocaña and overrun all Andalusia, except for Cadiz.
- 1899 — Khalifa of Sudan is killed by Sir Reginald Wingate on the White Nile.
- 1924 — Sir Lee Stack, British governor of Sudan, is slain in Cairo, Egypt.
- 1942 — Soviet troops counterattack at Stalingrad and surround German troops in World War II.
- 1961 — About 4,900 Algerian rebels in French prisons end 19-day hunger strike on assurance they will be treated as political prisoners.
- 1970 — Vatican pledges support to United Nations plan for narrowing economic gap between rich and poor nations.
- 1977 — Egypt's President Anwar Sadat arrives in Israel on his first peace mission to that nation and receives warm welcome from principal political leaders.
- 1978 — Guyanese troops raid jungle camp of People's Temple sect and begin to find bodies of hundreds of suicide victims.
- 1987 — Thousands shout for revenge during funeral procession for 10 civilians killed in Iranian air raid on hospital in northern Kurdish city of Sulaymaniyah, Iraq.

Benazir faces acid test



Benazir Bhutto

1977 after governing for five-and-a-half years. He was hanged two years later on murder conspiracy charges and Benazir Bhutto never forgave Zia.

But most diplomats and Pakistanis believe the military is prepared to at least give the PPP

a chance, although it might step in again after several months if chaos loomed or its interests were threatened.

Benazir has indicated over the past two years that she understands she cannot govern without the consent of the Army and has gone out of her way to make conciliatory noises.

She said on Thursday she had had "informal exchanges" with the military. But aides reject suggestions that she had made a detailed pact with the officers giving them a share of power.

If she becomes the first woman elected to rule a Muslim country, Benazir will inherit responsibility for tackling a daunting list of economic, social and political problems.

Illiterate

Three-quarters of Pakistanis are illiterate and the rate has been rising. The 104 million population is growing at a breakneck 3.1 per cent a year.

Roads and sewers need repair, health care and education are largely basic, deforestation rampant.

Benazir would also inherit a serious deficit in government finances, a narrow tax base, vulnerable export sector, and a hidebound bureaucracy notorious among businessmen for its obstructive power.

Benazir's room for manoeuvre would be restricted by the demands of defence, which accounts for about 37 per cent of current spending in the budget. But she may find a coalition hampers her efforts even further, a Western analyst said.

Contacts

"She's enmeshed in as a moderate and she really doesn't need her hands tied," he said. "She's going to be tested on two fronts, governing the country and handling the coalition."

The PPP has already begun contacts with minor parties for forming a coalition. Benazir said.

Pakistan election tosses up economic questions

"But the campaign focussed almost entirely on issues of political freedom and democracy, and so no one is quite certain what kind of economic posture the new government will have."

The Pakistan People's Party has emerged as the largest single party in the Assembly.

An expected IMF package includes a \$400 million standby facility and further credit of more than \$130 million.

Cut

Monetary sources in Washington said the country's loan request is working its way through the IMF bureaucracy and will go ahead if the coming government agreed to the terms.

Pakistan would be forced to cut its budget deficit, estimated at nine per cent of GDP, in order to qualify for IMF funds, bankers said.

The deficit stood at \$967 million on July 1, 1988.

Economists said it might be hard for a new government to raise taxes or cut spending, particularly on defence in view of the attitude of the Army.

"About 40 per cent of the budget is in defence," one said.

The IMF package could bring \$300 million a year to Pakistan. "If the country loses that, it will have to draw on foreign reserves or increase its financing from international commercial markets," said a British banker.

Bankers estimate reserves at just over \$1.1 billion last August which they said would cover only a month of imports.

Money

Raising money from commercial banks "would not be an option without an IMF programme," the British banker added.

But cutting imports could slow economic expansion, which has run at an annual rate of more than five per cent since 1986 and is expected to top six per cent in the year to June 30, 1989.

British economists said expansion had been maintained by strong imports which provide manufactured products needed for the agriculture and textile industries.

Strong imports, however, had meant a growing current account deficit, expected to reach \$700 million this year. Pakistan, with more than \$17 billion of foreign debt, had largely financed the deficit with foreign loans.

"Pakistan's economy has been growing for five years, but it's been largely financed by foreign aid," said Kim Murphy, economist at Lloyds Bank PLC.

Pathbreaker for Muslim women

By John Rogers

CAIRO, (Reuters): If Benazir Bhutto comes to power in Pakistan, she will be taking a giant symbolic stride for Muslim women excluded from political leadership.

As the only woman leader of an Islamic state, she will challenge traditional conservative views of women as homemakers and mothers — but not rulers — in Muslim countries throughout Asia and the Arab world.

"If she wins, it will be a step up for Islam," said Malaysian former Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Musa Hitam. "It would show the world how progressive the religion is."

Women throughout the male-dominated Third World have broken down social barriers in recent decades to take senior jobs in business, the professions, education, the civil service and in limited numbers — politics.

Exclude

Only a handful of conservative Arab countries still exclude women from political life.

But few women have risen to the top and a woman has never led in Islamic state — though Indira Gandhi led secular India with its 100 million Muslims for 14 years.

The 46 members of the Organisation of Islamic Conference have only a sprinkling of women government ministers between them, often handling women's or social affairs.

But Benazir, whose Pakistan People's Party (PPP) became the largest single party in the legislature, could help to change social attitudes if she becomes Pakistan's next leader.

She could pose protocol problems for Muslim leaders, though even the most conservative have become accustomed to dealing with foreign women leaders from non-Muslim countries.

Iranians remember television film of Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati meeting Indira Gandhi, not shaking hands with her and avoiding looking her straight in the face — in keeping with Islamic codes of conduct.

Malaysian Islamic Affairs Minister Yusof Noor said his country would welcome a woman leader in an Islamic country because "we have always treated men and women equally in accordance with Islam."

But some politicians and authorities questioned by Reuters correspondents Muslim capitals saw Benazir as a challenge — welcome or unwelcome — to entrenched rulers.

"If an Islamic nation elects a woman democratically, it sends out very strong signals against the established order," said New Delhi politics professor C.P. Bhambhani.

Benazir's election "will push women forward in politics, but in other fields too," he added.

"Her victory is a triumph of democracy," said Begum Khaleida Zia, leader of a seven-party opposition alliance in Bangladesh.

The idea that a woman should not bid for power in a Muslim country was "one theory advanced by reactionary groups who try to prolong their misrule," she said.

"When it comes to democratic rights, there is no difference between a man and a woman."

The opposite view prevails in Arab states.

A senior Jordanian official said Islam did not permit a woman to be head of state because of the duties the job imposed.

"One of the duties ... is to be ready to give sermons to the Muslims — and this a woman can't do," said Ibrahim Al Qaisi, head of the Religious Affairs Ministry's Zakat (Alms) fund.

Egypt, the largest Arab state, has 16 women members in its 438-seat Parliament and one cabinet minister. But M.P. Fayda Kamel doesn't think a woman can become prime minister.

"We wish Benazir Bhutto all the luck, but don't think her success if she becomes a ruler will have any impact on Egyptian women's role in politics," Kamel said.

Things are similar in Turkey, despite half a century of universal suffrage. Labour Minister Imren Aykut is the only woman minister and the second woman to hold cabinet rank in a democratically-elected government.

Iranian women are discouraged from taking up politics and the 1979 constitution says the president should be a man.

Emigre Lithuanians divided over Soviet reforms

By Thomas Ginsberg

NEW YORK, (AP): Ground-breaking reforms in Soviet Lithuania are fueling cautious hope among emigres, but also stirring debate over how they should respond.

"We are all a little bit shocked" by the changes, said Algis Klimaitis, a Lithuanian dissident who lives in France and works with the Baltic World Council. He said people are too quick to accept the Soviet reforms, "and some people are a little skeptical. We must find a middle way."

The debate over tactics has heated up in the last two weeks following the inaugural conference in Vilnius Oct 22-23 of the officially sanctioned Movement for Restructuring, which takes its name from Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev's plan of economic and social reform.

Some 20,000 people gathered for the conference, where more than 1,000 delegates, including many Communist Party members, adopted resolutions demanding sweeping reforms for Lithuania, already one of the most progressive of the 15 Soviet republics.

According to emigres who participated in the conference, the party within days began to reduce food and medical

privileges enjoyed by party elite, speed up the resignation of old-time "Stalinists" and form a task force to investigate suppression of recent protests.

Last week, the newly installed Lithuanian party chief, Algirdas Brazauskas, announced plans to free several prominent political prisoners.

The Baltic republics of Estonia and Latvia held similar large conferences last month to discuss political reforms, but emigres were not present. Estonian emigres said that if they had been invited, leaders of their quarter-million expatriates might also have faced disagreements about how to respond. A Latvian emigre said his nation's 200,000-strong diaspora would have found a united position.

Crying

Vytautas Bieliauskas, president of the Lithuanian world community said "enthusiasm is quite high" in Lithuania.

"People were sitting at the television — it was transmitting everything from the conference — and people were crying," he said after returning home to Cincinnati, Ohio.

Bieliauskas, whose organisation claims to represent a quarter of the world's nine million expatriate Lithuanians, received a visa to attend the conference. But many other emigre activists were refused permits.

Some claim that by this move, Soviet authorities were trying to drive a wedge into the Lithuanian emigre community.

"They (the people of Lithuania) are after independence, but the Soviets only want the economic advantage of free enterprise. People expect more freedom than they'll get," said Ancutis Simutis, Lithuania's consul general-in-exile in the United States.

The Soviet Union absorbed the Baltic republics of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia in 1940 under a secret pact with Nazi Germany. Nationalists denounced the pact, and several countries, including the United States, continue to recognize Baltic diplomats who maintain offices in the West.

Simutis is one of many nationalists who are skeptical of Gorbachev's campaign to reform the Soviet system and permit more openness.

"We think (Bieliauskas) is doing a good job, but (he) might be a bit naive because he expects more than the Soviets will give," Simutis said. He said the Soviets need Bieliauskas to help legitimize their "occupation" and called his admission to the conference a "Soviet trick."

"There have been grumblings in the past few weeks that (Bieliauskas) ... gave it more legitimacy that he should have," said Gintis Damusis, an activist who runs the Lithuanian Information Centre in New York.

"But the majority supported him."

Bieliauskas responded that the Lithuanian organization's executive committee voted 8-1 in favour of him attending the conference.

"(Lithuania) is occupied by the Soviet Union, but it doesn't mean it doesn't exist. I deal with people, not with the government," Bieliauskas said, adding that an independent Lithuanian government would eliminate Lithuania's nominal government-in-exile.



An important milestone in detecting Down's Syndrome

New test cuts risk of having handicapped baby

By Mary Kemp

IT'S every woman's nightmare — to give birth to a handicapped child.

And up until now expectant mothers have had to go through the agonising and traumatic experience of an amniocentesis to detect any abnormalities such as Down's Syndrome in their unborn baby.

Amniocentesis involves withdrawal of fluid from the womb and can be dangerous as there is the risk of brain damage to the baby, as well as the possibility of a miscarriage.

But now a safe and simple blood test can determine if a woman is carrying a Down's Syndrome child. The major breakthrough could actually cut the number of Down's Syndrome births by as much as two thirds.

The new test has been developed by doctors at St Bart's Hospital, London, and involves screening for Down's Syndrome through a routine blood test carried out along with the usual tests and examinations any pregnant woman undergoes.

If the blood test is positive, only those women who are known to be at risk will have to undergo the uncomfortable procedure of amniocentesis, the tricky insertion of a needle through the woman's abdomen into the womb to draw off amniotic fluid for analysis.

Dr Howard Cuckle, a member of the medical team which pioneered the test, explains: "Women should now feel more protected during pregnancy."

Simple
"And it is such a simple test we now hope it will be made available to every pregnant woman, regardless of her age."

"At present only women over 35 are routinely offered amniocentesis, or those who have a family history of Down's Syndrome. The main reason for this is the NHS (National Health Service) resources, as it costs more than £100 per person to carry out the test." The new test could be cheaply and



A baby in the womb.

easily available to all mothers. "It is well known that the chances of having a Down's baby increase rapidly with the mother's age. A woman in her early fifties has a one in six chance of giving birth to a Down's baby whereas it is only one in a 1000 chance for those aged 30."

The breakthrough will bring great relief to women who undergo amniocentesis because they are over the age of 35, and then dread it will result in a miscarriage.

Dr Cuckle says: "The risk of miscarriage after amniocentesis is between a half and one per cent."

"For many older women it is their last chance of a first pregnancy. Or it could be the first child of a second marriage."

Miscarriage
Because of the risk of miscarriage, some women decide amniocentesis even though they know they could give birth to a Down's baby.

Dr Cuckle adds: "I think

younger women will benefit most because until now they have not been eligible to undergo amniocentesis. The new test will prevent many of them having to bring up a Down's Syndrome child."

"We've been inundated with phone calls from women wanting to have the test. We even had one from a man in Egypt who wanted to fly his pregnant wife over straight away."

The test may be available nationwide in Britain as early as next year. It is inexpensive and blood analysis can be simply carried out by lab technicians.

Down's Syndrome is a common disorder which affects 1.5 in every 1000 births in Britain. The new test follows a similar test already available for spina bifida, another major birth handicap. It is carried out at 12 weeks and analyses levels of three main foetal chemicals, all of which are found to be highly abnormal in Down's babies.

Dr Cuckle says: "Five years

has dropped by 90 per cent over the last two years.

Dr Cuckle adds: "We now hope to do the same with Down's Syndrome. It really is an exciting development. We will be able to increase the detection rate from its present 30 per cent to more than 60 per cent."

This could cut down the number of Down's babies in Britain from 900 to just over 350 a year. Dr Cuckle says: "The new test is a very important milestone and means we are one step nearer towards testing for all major handicaps prenatally."

Incentive

"It also gives an incentive to research into the actual causes of Down's Syndrome. As yet we have no idea why some women have Down's babies. They come right out of the blue."

"We know that risk increases with age, but this is not always inherited and you can never predict it in advance."

But the new test is not a way of preventing handicaps. When a pregnant woman is told she is carrying a Down's baby she still has to decide whether to give birth or have the pregnancy terminated. It may be an agonising decision to have to make, but it does at least give women the choice.

And the breakthrough should encourage more research into why handicapped children are born and eventually dramatically boost the chances of a perfectly healthy baby.

Dr Cuckle says that the level of Down's Syndrome chemical, alpha-fetoprotein (AFP), was high in women carrying spina bifida babies. We have since discovered that the same chemical is very low with Down's babies."

The test, screening for spina bifida and other related defects, has been successful in Britain and the number of spina bifida babies born has dropped by 40 per cent.

Acupuncture: no magic cure

By Michelle Beauchamp

ACUPUNCTURE is rooted in thousands of years of Chinese traditional medicine.

It is successfully used to treat many conditions, including migraine, ulcers, arthritis, sciatica, asthma, and colitis. It can also help with addictions, such as smoking, drinking, or compulsive eating.

The underlying principle of Chinese medicine is that there is a flow of energy through the body and that illness occurs when that energy flow (chi) is out of balance.

The acupuncturist reads the 12 pulses of the body which describe 28 constitutional qualities and indicate any functional imbalance. The problem is treated by redirecting or rebalancing energy levels using needles or pressure on acupoints along the body's meridians, which are connected with a particular organ or function.

Jackie Young, who originally trained as a psychologist, has practised acupuncture for eight years. She explained how it can help someone give up smoking: "If there's a balance of energy between all the meridians or the different systems of the body, then you don't have disease."

"An addiction, such as smoking, is conceptualised as an imbalance of energy. Acupuncture is used to reduce withdrawal symptoms and help the body, particularly the lungs, clean out at a faster rate. If you come to smoke again, it tastes really horrible because your body is back to the state

before you learned to tolerate the toxins."

Acupuncture restores the balance of energy, accelerates the process of cleaning, and enhances the body's natural "high" so that cigarettes are no longer desired. It stimulates release of the body's natural opiate — endorphins — which provide natural pain relief (hence its use in anaesthesia) and a sensation of wellbeing.

Sally, who has smoked for 15 years, tried acupuncture in her latest effort to give up. "It's early days yet, but I found that it almost eradicated the early cravings and left me feeling curiously relaxed all day, almost as though I'd had a few drinks."

"I had a point in my ears stimulated with an electrical current passing through the needles (not at all unpleasant) and needles in my wrists, ankles, and shins for 45 minutes of each of the first three days. Theo I was on my own and I have continued to feel extraordinarily relaxed and confident about stopping smoking. Usually the whole business is a gruelling effort of self-deprivation. This time I've almost enjoyed myself."

Jackie Young warns that acupuncture is not a magical cure.

"But if someone has the motivation, acupuncture can be enough of a boost to swing the balance." Because treatment is tailored to the individual's flow and energy balance, it is ideal for psychological problems, such as smoking or overeating.

When it comes to weight loss,

"acupuncture comes into its own. It's accepted these days that weight problems are not just physical, they're closely linked with emotions, how you feel about yourself, especially as a woman. If someone is overweight because they are unhappy or depressed or lack confidence, then acupuncture can be used to build them up emotionally, so that they have more resources to reduce weight."

The technique can also help in alleviating infertility, preventing miscarriage, and reducing symptoms of menstrual disorders, including painful periods, PMT, and menopausal flushes.

Susan had hardly established a regular menstrual cycle when her periods disappeared for nearly two years as a result of anorexia. A long menstrual cycle with very light periods gradually returned when she put on a lot of weight and developed patterns of compulsive eating and laxative abuse.

"I was always unhappy about my body. It was always too fat, whether I was actually thin or fat. And my skinny periods made me feel even less of a woman. Acupuncture somehow stimulated my cycle and I began to feel so much better about myself that I lost weight without even thinking about it other than to eat good food and take more exercise. I felt gently revitalised."

It is important to remember that acupuncture is part of a system of medicine that responds to the whole person, paying particular attention to diet and exercise.

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Anti-epilepsy drug shows promise

STUDIES with a new British anti-epilepsy drug show it is not only vastly superior to the classic, long-standing treatment now used, but could also lead to new methods of combating other central nervous system conditions such as stroke, Huntington's chorea and senile dementia.

The new drug, called lamotrigine, marks the revival of interest by the giant Wellcome Foundation in central nervous system (CNS)

research. Wellcome reports it is now known from studies that lamotrigine works in epilepsy by blocking the release of glutamic acid, which activates brain cells. Glutamic acid is important in the normal brain function but in the case of epileptics, either too much is released or some brain cells are particularly sensitive to it. Either way, the result is an electrical discharge which causes a convulsion.

The Wellcome research team says the new drug's relatively small effects on folate metabolism

of folate metabolism will help research. Lamotrigine could lead the way to new areas for central nervous system research at Wellcome.

Some 800 patients have now used lamotrigine and the company expects to apply soon for a product licence for the drug as an add-on therapy for patients with severe epilepsy. How quickly it will get a full product licence for use by all epileptics will depend on the current programme of comparative studies, but Wellcome says 1993 is the target date.

A spokesman commented: "Thanks to its interesting mode of action, lamotrigine could lead the way to new areas for central nervous system research at Wellcome."

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Glasnost opens the door for cultural exchanges

Ballet stars in town

By Fathima Ahmed

MIKHAIL Gorbachev's policies of "perestroika" and "glasnost" entail more cultural exchanges between Moscow and other countries of the world, according to Sergei V. Strashnikov of the Soviet Ministry of Culture.

Strashnikov, who is in Kuwait with the 35-member Bolshoi and Lithuanian dance troupe, told a news conference on Thursday night that the policies of "openness" and "reform" will reflect on cultural activities.

"We believe that any national culture cannot develop in isolation, interdependence is essential for the growth of world culture," he said.

"Isolation is bad, that's why we are in Kuwait," he added. Top Soviet ballet stars Nadezha Pavlova, Viktor Barikin, Andrei Kandrakov were also present at the press conference.

Pavlova, who recently danced for the film "Bluebird" said she prefers dancing on stage because there is "more freedom of expression." Barikin recently performed in the US.

The dancers yesterday rehearsed for the show at the Indian Arts Circle. Regular, disciplined four to five hours of practice is what makes them the leading ballet groups, they claimed.

The performers will dance

Tchaikovsky's Adagio from the ballet Swan Lake; C. Pugni Pas de Deux from The Festival in Venice; L. Herold, a piece from La Fille Mal Gardée and a variation from Carmen Suite.

Pavlova and Barikin will dance Grand Pas from Don Quixote; Melodia; and Kandrakov and Giebova will dance "Le Corsaire".

The ballet troupe, on their first Gulf tour, will also perform in Abu Dhabi, Al Ain, Dubai and Muscat.

The Kuwait shows have generated much excitement among the citizens and expatriates, with many having to line up for over 30 minutes at the Andalus box office to get seats for one of the two nights of the show.



Some of the ballet stars at a press conference held at the Kuwait Plaza Hotel.



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TV CORNER

KTV ignores Pakistan elections

KUWAIT Television ignored the news of Pakistan's National Assembly elections on Wednesday and Thursday. This disappointed the Pakistani and Asian expatriates eagerly waiting for the outcome of one of the most interesting developments on the Asian sub-continent.

Neither the 8 o'clock news nor the News in Brief on Thursday carried any news of the elections. Many viewers could not comprehend the total disregard for such an important event because Bahrain and other Gulf TV networks gave due coverage on both the days.

KTV 2, however, broadcast Pakistan election news yesterday.

This week on KTV 2

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- 5.30 Walt Disney Film: "Hero".
- 7.00 Star Trek: the Enterprise has engine trouble....
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- 9.45 World News via Satellite
- 10.00 Quloob Al Baidah: Arabic serial. Starring: Anwar Ismail, Hala Sudqi, Ahmad Marae
- 10.45 Good Morning
- 11.00 Dars Khussousi: daily Arabic serial, starring Suad Abdullah
- 12.00 News Summary
- 12.15 Gulf Cuisine: presented by Afnan Ziyani
- 1.00 News Summary
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Letters of a master poet

A revealing glimpse of the early T.S. Eliot

By Thomas D'Evelyn

The Letters of T.S. Eliot, Vol. I, 1898-1922, edited by Valerie Eliot. San Diego: Harcourt Brace Jovanovich. 639 pp. \$29.95

The voice of the first volume of T.S. Eliot's letters is not Possum or the Aged Eagle — his later masks — but young, conscientious Thomas (Tom) Stearns Eliot of St. Louis.

Grandson of William Greenleaf Eliot, a Unitarian minister whose widely acclaimed devotion to good works included tireless but prudent opposition to slavery, young Eliot studies philosophy in Cambridge, Mass.; Paris; and Oxford, but decides not to pursue it; his Harvard thesis is accepted in June 1916, his compatriot in exile Ezra Pound influences him toward literature. Eliot's marriage to Vivien Haigh-Wood in 1915 is as sudden as his emergence as a modern poet with "The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock." Vivien is often ill with nervous disorders. He toils as a foreign loans clerk about having no time and less energy for literature. Pound helps him write "The Waste Land." His book of criticism, "The Sacred Wood," receives mixed reviews. He has a breakdown in 1921, as both "The Waste Land" and his magazine, The Criterion, take shape.

Conversion

Most of his early letters are to his mother, whom he misses dreadfully. Charlotte C. Eliot was a formidable woman. A writer (though she recognized early that her son had more talent), she exchanged volumes with Bertrand Russell, an older friend of Tom's. In return for her biography of her father-in-law, Russell sent a copy of his "Philosophical Essays," "though I fear most of them are rather uninteresting."

By Dec 31, 1922 — the date of the last letter included in this volume and five years before his conversion to Anglo-Catholicism — Eliot had begun to establish himself as the literary dictator for the Anglo-Saxon



T.S. Eliot: 'Dr Johnson of the Jazz Age'

world, the Dr Johnson of the Jazz Age. In his critical prose, Eliot became the editorial "we" of a generation. He stressed the impersonal nature of art. In his seminal criticism, he managed, for a time, to balance the claims of originality and tradition. He could be both sneaky and eloquent, as when he said that "the creation of a work of art is like some other forms of creation, a painful and unpleasant business; it is a sacrifice of the

man to the work, it is a kind of death." The letters reveal the "I" behind the "we." Elegantly modest, luxuriously austere, and suavely imprudent as a public man, in the privacy of his correspondence Eliot is vulnerable, direct, proud. He writes that James Joyce, whom he admired greatly, "is a quiet but rather dogmatic man, and has (as I am convinced most superior persons have) a sense

of his own importance."

Attacked in print, Eliot would strike back: He writes to his mother that one reviewer is "an utter nonentity; his own literary criticism is wholly worthless...." Eliot reflects his own ambition when he writes about another American abroad: "getting recognized in English letters is like breaking open a safe — for an American, only about three (have) ever done it."

In his 20s and 30s Eliot was pre-occupied with making a living and keeping his wife comfortable. On Sept. 13, 1920, he wrote to his brother: "I do not think I shall ever have time to write a letter worth anyone's keeping. As the world becomes worse to live in, every month, so the minutiae of existence seem to consume more time and energy, so many of the processes that were formerly almost automatic now demand the thought of a Field-Marshal planning a campaign."

Eliot's second wife has suggested that Eliot never loved his first wife. Never is a hard word. Vivien had a history of depression and mood swings; he cared for her deeply and long. He wrote to a friend, "Have you ever been in such incessant and extreme pain that you felt your sanity going, and that you no longer knew reality from delusion? That's the way she is." His marriage to her schooled him in the stoic virtues.

Concluding her brief "Introduction" to this volume, Valerie Eliot quotes her husband on his first marriage: "To her marriage brought no happiness... to me, it brought the state of mind out of which came 'The Waste Land.' 'Whatever its genesis, 'The Waste Land' struck like lightning over the darkness, Dickensian, apathetic city, its sudden illumination proved blinding to many poets who thereafter tried to catch the effect in their own words. Its babble of voices and shrieks (sometimes said to echo his wife's agonies) created a new sound that gave identity to an age of anxiety. Eliot would live another 43 years, but at age 34 he had

accomplished most of what he would be remembered by. He left the bank and for 30 years helped Faber become a leading publisher of modern writers. He was an original. Perhaps, as C.H. Sisson says, his great achievement was in "the razor-cut of the verse, in its wit and rhythm." These jazzy, fragmented rhythms depend on Eliot's sceptical cast of mind; the rhythms of the later champion of orthodoxy are limp and rather vague. The early, immense success of "The Waste Land" seemed to say to younger poets that to write truly about this confused age one must confuse one's readers.

Great letters turn on great friendships. Eliot hadn't any really close friends in his early years. The intimate note that makes one heart out of two is missing.

Pleasures

The pleasures afforded by these letters are of a special sort, as when he writes to his mother in February of 1920: "It is beautiful weather again, we have no winter yet, all the bushes and shrubs are out in bud, and will probably be tipped later. I think I shall consult a specialist about my nose." In cartoon and photograph, Eliot's aquiline nose would become world famous; it stood for his fastidious, discriminating, somewhat supercilious nature. Perhaps it belied his humanity.

Eliot's humanity is a big, complex subject, as the recent queries about his view of Jews suggests. In the letters, one finds prickly phrasing about just about everybody. Returning to the early verse, one still smarts at "razor-cut" of the rhythms. Reading his early critical prose, one still pauses where he pauses.

Not satisfied with the image of him to be gotten from the wildly successful stage version of "Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats," the reader can find the real Eliot in these letters. It's always best to start with the real, as young Eliot so fully demonstrated in art and life.

1988, The Christian Science Monitor.

Hollywood's darling sets the record straight

By Ivor Davis

ANAHEIM, Calif.: There was a dark side to the squeaky-clean life of Shirley Temple. And for the first time the world's most famous child star talks about her long career as Hollywood's darling in a blunt and honest autobiography, Child Star (McGraw-Hill), which is to be published this month.

Shirley Temple Black's career started in 1931 when she was 3. At 5 she was a star who would go on to make 35 movies and win a special Academy Award in 1934 "in grateful recognition of her outstanding contribution to screen entertainment." At 13 she was called a has-been.

In the book Black tells of her first job interview at MGM, where other child stars such as Judy Garland and Elizabeth Taylor grew up, during which a producer confronted her in his office half naked.

She writes of directors who exploited her and abused other child actors by locking them in a soundproof wooden box. Despite her popularity the world over she received numerous death and kidnap threats, and when she was 10 a woman pointed a gun at her as she sang live on radio with the late Nelson Eddy.

Black tells about her disastrous, short-lived first marriage to actor John Agar Jr. (1945-49), about her role models — Amelia Earhart and Eleanor Roosevelt — and the "major crush in her life," FBI director J. Edgar Hoover.

Her memoir, which took eight years to complete, was written in self-defense, says Black. "There have been about 12 books written about me — another is due out later this year — but most of them are warmed-over, third-hand material based on the thousands of interviews I've given. I know it sounds like a celebrity cliché, but I wrote this book for my family."

"This is not a kiss-and-tell book," she says. "It's a tell book. It's a revealing hook about growing up in an interesting time in world history, how I felt as a child about things that happened to me, the crowds, why people yelled 'I love you' at me."

I know a lot more about myself now than I did at the time. I did a lot more research about Shirley. I've never written a book before, although there was one allegedly written by me in 1945 called My Young Life. But I barely paid attention to it at the time. I'm proud of my life. It's fabulous and I thought I had better share it. The only one who knows the story is me."

Closest

Like most child stars of that era, Black's closest friend was her mother. "We had an unusual partnership and we shared everything," she says.

Black says she grew up protected, but quickly learned about the harsh realities of Hollywood at the age of 12. She made films at 20th Century Fox, but one day went to MGM to talk about a role.

"I was summoned into a producer's office. My mother, who usually went with me, was summoned to Louis B. Mayer's (head of MGM) office. So we had separate meetings. At 12 I was alert, and as I looked at the producer he seemed to be rearranging his clothing with a certain amount of flourish. He stood up and said, 'You're going to be my next big star.' Well, I had thought he was a producer — it turned out that he was an exhibitor!"

Naked

"The only naked person I had ever seen was me. And I thought he was awfully funny looking. So I laughed so hard that tears were falling down my face. It enraged him. He yelled, 'Get out, get out of here.' So I went."

She didn't get the role. Minutes later, she told her mother what had happened.

"She listened but didn't get upset. I thought she would be so frantic and angry and go back



Shirley Temple: at five she was a star, at thirteen a has-been

and punch him out. But she didn't. She said, 'Well, you want to hear what almost happened to me?' Mayer had her sit on the couch with him and said, 'You shouldn't just be Shirley's mother... you should be a big star.' So both of us flunked our first day at MGM."

Are there villains in her book?

"I don't think villain is the right word," she says. "I waited until now to write it, so I wouldn't inflame people who are now dead. But doesn't every life have villains?"

During the peak of her career Black says she received death and extortion threats, which were brushed up because studio executives were worried they would trigger new ones. Then there was the night a woman pointed a gun at her in a packed recording studio at CBS in Hollywood.

"Earlier I had looked out of the dressing room and seen a woman with a mean look on her face. I told mother, who called the police and FBI because the woman looked so angry and was shaking her fist at me," she says. "Later, I'm onstage singing 'Someday You'll Find Your Bluebird.' She was about 12 feet away in the front row and pulled out a gun and pointed it at me. The police and



Temple today: a foreign affairs officer at the State Department

ing into the wall. We were tipped out but didn't get hurt except for a few sore spots. "They took a lot of chances with children," she says. "They kept the mothers hidden in another room. In one film, which was a take off on 'Tarzan,' a lot of black boys were supposed to run down a path and fall down. The director strung a wire across the path so when the boys ran down the road they would trip. Some of them were cut and bleeding and they all cried. I cried when I saw them hurt. The place was full of crying children."

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a lot of people in trench coats and hats came down the aisle. picked her up by the elbows and carried her out. I later learned that she wanted to destroy me because her baby had been born dead and she thought I had taken the child's place. The woman thought I was born in 1929, but I was born in 1928; the studio had taken one year off my age."

Treated

Black says that some child actors were treated badly and placed in dangerous situations. "I was involved with a runaway ostrich when I was 3 years old," she says. "My co-star was a boy named George Smith and we were sitting in a surry, which was to be pulled by an ostrich. George held the reins and I held George. They had a black bag over the ostrich's head, but when they took off the hood the ostrich took off, knocking down scenery and finally crash-

Black, 60, is married to San Francisco businessman Charles Black and has two daughters and one son from her 38-year marriage, as well as a 7-year-old grandchild. She served as U.S. ambassador to Ghana from 1974 to 1976, and is now a foreign-affairs officer at the State Department. For the last eight years she has been preparing U.S. ambassadors for their first posting.

Child Star covers Black's life from childhood to 1954. "I think I've got another book in me," she says. Meanwhile, Black still receives film scripts. "I got one the other day and called the writer immediately to say no thanks. I think the character he wanted me to play was supposed to be senile. It didn't appeal to me. That's coming anyway," she says, laughing, "and I can wait... I don't want to hurry it along."

A guide to creative divorce

By Dean Lokken

SAN FRANCISCO, (Reuter): Divorce can be creative, said Mel Krantzler, co-author of a new how-to book, Divorcing.

"My attitude toward divorce is to get it over with as fast as you can," said the other author, Melvin Belli, flamboyant 81-year-old San Francisco lawyer known around the world for sensational civil cases ranging from the Bhopal gas tragedy to airline disasters.

The two were talking in Belli's law office about the book they have collaborated on, which they call a one-stop guide to divorce.

Belli wrote on the legalities of splitting up. Krantzler, a California psychologist who began beating the drum for the positive side of divorce in the early 1970s, wrote advice on how the parties of a dead-end marriage can survive its breakup.

"Rule number one is to get a good lawyer and let your lawyer handle it," Belli said. He added: "I give a lot of advice in the book I wish I'd followed myself."

Belli, who got his start 50



Lawyers Melvin Belli (right) and Mel Krantzler are co-authors of a new how-to book 'Divorcing.' Belli is currently in the process of ending his fifth marriage, and says 'I give a lot of advice in the book I wish I'd followed myself.'

years ago defending prisoners on death row, is known internationally as the first US lawyer to file suit against Union Carbide after toxic fumes leaked from its pesticide plant in Bhopal, India killing 3,000.

He has also represented families of passengers killed in plane disasters, and his current cases include a suit filed against

He is currently in the process of ending his 16-year marriage to his fifth wife, Lia Belli, 39.

Lia went public with the couple's marital difficulties several months ago while Belli was on a trip to the Soviet Union.

The book includes advice on child custody, alimony, property settlements, dealings with the pain of divorce, finding a new love — and hiring a lawyer.

"This is one area that lawyers are really sleazy in, because most of the divorce lawyers are after as much money as they can get," Belli said. "They're like undertakers. They're necessary, I guess, but they just take advantage of people's emotions at a time of distress."

He said the book will give the layman some advice that will help him pick a lawyer and keep him on track.

Krantzler, divorced after 24 years, said everyone who goes through the end of a marriage suffers, as did both authors.

"The bottom line is that we're both human beings. We bleed just as well as anyone else when we have one of the most painful experiences in our lives," he said. "Both of us put ourselves on the line in the book."

Kafka gaining approval in Prague

PRAGUE. Czechoslovakia (AP): Czechoslovakia's government will publish some of Franz Kafka's works and correspondence, a cultural weekly publication says.

The magazine Kmen, organ of the official union of Czech writers, said part of Kafka's correspondence was purchased from a second-hand bookshop in Prague two years ago.

Among the stories to be published are his last completed novel The Castle published in 1926, and Amerika which came out in 1927, the magazine said.

Acclaimed

Kafka's works are highly acclaimed in the West but have been barely acknowledged in Prague, where he was born in 1883. His works were rejected for what was described as "morbid pessimism" and "alienation," and the communists allowed both the 100th anniversary of Kafka's birth and the 60th anniversary of his death to pass with little fanfare in the 1980s.

The intellectual flowering of the mid-1960s led to the construction of Prague's only public memorial to Kafka near the street where he lived.

Kmen described Kafka as an integral part of Prague literary scene. "Today's remembrance of Kafka is not an act of piety or strategy but a fact of a simple refreshment of cultural memory," it said.

FAMILY DOCTOR

By DR. ALIAN BRUCKHEIM

ARTERY AILMENT, NOT ARTHRITIS, IS READER'S PROBLEM

QUESTION: I'm confused. My doctor told me I have temper arthritis, and I worry all the time. What is this disease, and what kind of treatments are available? What should I do? Please help.

ANSWER: I'll try. First let us straighten out the name of your affliction. It is "temporal arteritis" and has nothing to do with either your temper or arthritis. It is a chronic, generalized disease that affects arteries that branch off the main artery (or aorta).

It's seen most often in the arteries that pass to the temples and back of our head. It occurs after the age of 50 and is found even more frequently in patients over the age of 80. No one really knows its exact cause, but many physicians believe that an autoimmune reaction is involved.

It can start with a flu-like symptoms, such as low-grade fever, aches and pains, weakness and loss of appetite. There usually is a typical headache, severe and throbbing in the area of the temple, and the artery itself may be tender to the touch. About half the patient experience eye troubles, and 40 percent have a loss of vision.

Treatment should start at once to prevent

permanent damage. Your physician has probably already given you either an injection or prescription for a corticosteroid (cortisone-like medicine), which you must take regularly from four to six weeks.

A laboratory test called a sed rate will be used to monitor the effects of the medicine, and the progress of the disease. Although, the results of this test are high in the beginning, the findings will become lower as the disease is controlled, and medication dosage will be gradually reduced over time.

Your physician will keep checking you on a regular basis, and you must follow all instructions carefully, not just because he says so, but because it really is best for you. And your worries may disappear along with your symptoms as the medicine takes effect and you feel better.

QUESTION: If antibiotics are so effective, they should be capable of destroying all the germs responsible for disease. Why hasn't penicillin wiped out all pneumonias?

ANSWER: Although the penicillin antibiotics are effective against many forms of pneumonia, they won't treat them all. Before antibiotics were invented, almost

all cases of pneumonia were attributed to streptococcal bacteria (Streptococcus pneumoniae), which respond well to penicillin. Now, strep pneumonia accounts for only 55 percent to 76 percent of cases.

Other causes include Legionella (which causes Legionnaire's disease) and mycoplasma, a fungus. An additional problem is that pneumonias that were once susceptible to penicillin antibiotics are growing increasingly resistant.

To diagnose pneumonia, a physician tests a sample of a sputum coughed from the lungs. Many physicians treat most pneumonias cases empirically, that is they administer an antibiotic such as penicillin to kill the most likely causes before they get back the test results. If the first antibiotic doesn't work, then the test results are used to help choose a more specific or stronger antibiotic.

Despite research efforts to discover new and more effective antibiotics, I doubt that the day will ever arrive when a single medication will eradicate an infectious disease. Prevention is the name of the game.

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"I'M GETTING bored being compared to Madonna, you know," said Gloria Estefan from the corner of a sofa in her Mayfair Hotel suite.

Gloria is 31 years old, very slim, and sleek, exercised, manicured, golden curled singing star who has become America's latest teen-queen.

She sings and writes for her husband Emilio's band, The Miami Sound Machine.

A long list of US singles hits and international sell-out concerts have established Gloria and her fellow Cuban-Americans as the most famous Latino pop stars in the world.

And whether Glorious Gloria likes it or not, she is being tagged with the New Madonna label.

The new girl idol, a fresh role model for the latest generation of wannabes.

Kind

"But I am very different from Madonna. And I think the parents who bring their daughters to my concerts are grateful for that."

What she means, and what she is too kind to say, is that her image is not that of the sexy, slutty, hard girl.

"I am happily married with an eight-year-old son. I've never tried to hide my age or my husband."

Gloria Estefan: Miami nice!



Gloria Estefan of the Miami Sound Machine: A fresh role model for the 'wannabes' of wannabes.

"In fact if it wasn't for Emilio I would not have come this far or looked this good. He's the one who pushed. When I didn't think I could get up on a stage, he made me."

"If you had met me 13 years ago when I was at university you would have seen a shy, plump girl with glasses and no confidence."

The shy, plump Gloria also went through a stage where she

became obsessed with diet and exercise. "I wasn't anorectic, I was just reacting against my relatives who have this Cuban idea that women should have round, voluptuous figures."

"The more they fed me, the more I turned against food and exhausted myself with weights and an exercise regime that turned out to be too rigorous. Even now I feel I am slightly overweight," she said patting

her flat-hard stomach. Although the accent is American, the personality, and the warm brown eyes are decidedly Latin.

It's the Cuban background that ensures she will never feel financially secure or confident about success.

"How can I?" she asked. "My family lost everything during the revolution. We left Cuba with nothing when I was

a baby. Sure, now we have money. I could walk round the corner here in London and buy a dozen RnBs Rnys. But I don't."

Image

The band's success so impressed President Reagan after he saw them in Miami that he invited them to perform at a gala dinner in the White House. Even the mayor of Miami has changed the name of the street

Gloria lived in to Miami Sound Boulevard.

"I guess after the Miami Vice drug and violence image they are grateful to us since we have such a wholesome reputation."

"The band is very family orientated. We don't do drugs, or break up hotel rooms. Our music is slick, fast dancing music. It's fun. Fans make conga lines during our concerts because you just cannot sit still to a Latin beat."

Their world tour which ended last month stretched from Costa Rica to the Olympic opening ceremony in Seoul.

The Miami Sound Machine and Gloria returned to Miami as folk heroes. The children of these embattled Cuban immigrants had proved you can reach the top without the stench of the Cuban cocaine Mafia.

"Those cocaine barons have left us alone," said Gloria. "But the fear of drugs is always there."

Crack

"My son, Nayib, found a packet of cocaine in the park next to the school playground. It's such a pity that you have to sit down with an eight-year-old boy and explain what cocaine, crack and grass look like and what they do to you."

Who would have thought that a successor to the self-styled boy toy, Madonna, would be a costly married Miami Mama?

Escape Club tops US record charts

NEW YORK (AP) The Escape Club's Wild Wild West reached the top of the single pop record charts in the United States, kicking the Beach Boys' 2-week-old spotlight star Kokomo to fourth place.

"Bad Medicine" by Bon Jovi moved up a notch to second place and U2's Desire bopped from fifth to third position on the Cash Box magazine chart.

Fifth was Kissing a Fool by George Michael. Advancing three points, and Breathe's How Can I Fall took sixth spot, also moving up three steps.

Loco-Motion by Kylie Minogue plunged four down to eighth place, while Freebird Medley's Baby I Love Your Way jumped three steps to capture seventh position.

There were two newcomers to the list: Chicago's Lunk Away went from 12th to ninth place, and I Don't Want Your Love by Duran Duran captured spot number 10 after being 14th last week.

As for the country and western singles, I'll Leave This World Loving You by Ricky van Shelton took over the top of the Cash Box magazine chart.

tions in brackets:

1. (5) I'll Leave This World Loving You — Ricky van Shelton (Columbia).

2. (4) I've Been Lookin' — The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band (Warner Brothers).

3. (3) Desperately — Don Williams (Capitol).

4. (8) I Know How He Feels — Reba McEntire (MCA).

5. (10) If You Ain't Lovin' (You Ain't Livin') — George Strait (MCA).

6. (1) New Shade of Blue — Southern Pacific (Warner Brothers).

7. (7) Boogie Woogie Fiddle Country Blues — Charlie Daniels Band (Epic).

8. (11) I Wish That I Could Fall in Love Today — Barbara Mandrell (Capitol).

9. (2) Runaway Train — Ratt (Columbia).

10. (13) A Tender Lie — Restless Heart (RCA).

And in London, American singer Robin Beck's First Time moved up from third spot to top the British pop singles chart this week.

Girl You Know It's True by Milli Vanilli, the Franco-German male duo, was bumped down to second spot.

US Top Ten

The top 10 pop singles, as rated by Cash Box magazine, with last week's positions in brackets:

1. (2) Wild Wild West — The Escape Club (Atlantic).

2. (3) Bad Medicine — Bon Jovi (Mercury-Polygram).

3. (5) Desire — U2 (Island).

4. (1) Kokomo — The Beach Boys (Elektra).

5. (8) Kissing a Fool — George Michael (Columbia).

6. (9) How Can I Fall — Breathe (A-and-M).

7. (10) Baby, I Love Your Way — Freebird Medley (Free Baby).

8. (4) The Loco-Motion — Kylie Minogue (Geffen).

9. (12) Lunk Away — Chicago (Reprise).

10. (14) I Don't Want Your Love — Duran Duran (Capitol).

The top 10 country-western singles, as rated by Cash Box magazine, with last week's positions in brackets:

UK Top Ten

This week's top 10 singles, as listed by Our Price Music Ltd., the national music retail chain, with last week's positions in brackets:

1. (3) First Time — Robin Beck (Mercury).

2. (1) Girl You Know It's True — Milli Vanilli (Columbia).

3. (5) She Makes My Day — Robert Palmer (EMI).

4. (4) Stand Up For Your Love Rights — Yaz (Epic Life).

5. (2) Orinoco Flow — Enya (WEA).

6. (14) Need You Tonight — INXS (Mercury).

7. (19) Missing You — Chris De Burgh (A-and-M).

8. (6) Je Ne Sais Pourquoi — Kylie Minogue (PWL).

9. (9) Real Gone Kid — Deacon Blue (CBS).

10. (11) 1-2-3 — Gloria Estefan and Miami Sound Machine (Epic).

By Laurie Ludwick

HE'S mean, he's is moody... and he's certainly magnificent. Puneet Singh Sirsa may not be everyone's idea of the new Elvis, but his debut performance as the King of Rock has certainly got TV viewers in the United Kingdom. All Shook Up.

Dressed in a Presley-style rhinestone outfit, he swaggered into his corner shop and sings a hilarious parody of the classic No. 1 hit in a commercial for Walkers Poppadums.

The turban-wearing Elvis is joined by three backing singers, all dressed in saris, and instead of blue suede shoes, he wears a pair of toe-curling Arabian slippers.

Hips swivelling and eyebrows twitching, he sings: "Well you can take me and my turban to Kathmandu, chew my chapati, eat my vindaloo, but when you see my Walkers in

'Get your gums off my poppadums'

Sing, Elvis Singh

my fingers and thumbs, get your gums off my poppadums."

Tasty Grabbing a sitar, he continues: "Well go ahead punk-awallah make my day, twin tasty flavours will blow you away, they rattle and they roll all over your tongue, so get your gums off my poppadums."

Since the advert was screened in Birmingham a fortnight ago, the company has been flooded with calls from people raving about the new Elvis.

And this week the Elvis Presley Society — which usually scorns such copycat promotions — requested

several tapes of the commercial to show to its members.

The advert has also been a big hit with the Asian community in the UK. Puneet, 20, who beat 50 other actors to win the part, said: "I'm very proud of it. I am a Sikh, and tired of the standard stereotypes of Asians as either shop owners or illegal immigrants. There's nothing offensive about it. It's actually good for Sikhs."

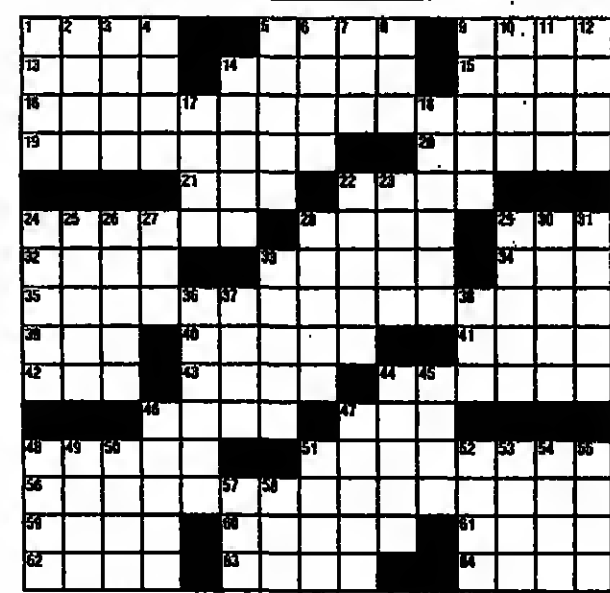
"It shows that we have a great sense of humour and can be as over the top as anybody else."

The idea of a singing Sikh is based on Peter Singh, a South Wales fish and chips shop owner who is famous for his Presley impressions.



Elvis impersonator Puneet Singh Sirsa with sari-clad backing singers.

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS
- 1 Miles of the movies
 - 5 Beams
 - 9 Adjective for Polyanna
 - 13 Some cards
 - 14 Cannes cap
 - 15 Descartes, a.g.
 - 16 1988 best-seller by Robert Ludlum
 - 19 Gladiolus-enclosed porch
 - 20 Varnish
 - 21 Ingredient
 - 22 Sea eagle
 - 23 Took by stealth
 - 28 Round dance
 - 29 Actor Vigoda
 - 32 Fashion color
 - 33 Daughters
 - 34 Kiwi's cousin
 - 35 1988 best-seller by Rosamunde Pilcher
 - 39 English institution
 - 40 "Portrait of —"
 - 41 Edward's sister
 - 42 Great ending
 - 43 Lean and sinewy
 - 44 Sunglasses, to some
 - 46 Christina of "The Phantom of the Opera"
 - 47 Ingested
 - 48 Musical "very"
 - 51 Vax
 - 56 1988 best-seller by Laa Iacocca
 - 59 Small buffalo of Celebes
 - 60 Ol a cereal
 - 61 Sharp
 - 62 At no time, poetically
 - 63 Crossword diagram
- DOWN
- 2 Containers
 - 3 Nymph who loved Narcissus
 - 4 Virginia dance
 - 5 Laos locale
 - 6 Late show, usually
 - 7 Philodendron's family
 - 8 Glass-enclosed porch
 - 9 Dep
 - 10 Von Stroheim film
 - 11 The King —
 - 12 Campus VIP
 - 14 Puppeteer Bill
 - 17 Ontario Indian
 - 18 Film starring John Travolta
 - 22 Equine
 - 23 Perry's creator
 - 24 Balzac's "La Cousine —"
 - 25 Years
 - 26 "Tha —" Santini
 - 27 August, to friends
 - 28 Johnson of "The Front Page"
 - 29 Modify
 - 30 Endured
 - 31 Milgates
 - 33 Harsh light
 - 36 Pacific state
 - 37 Author Kazan
 - 38 "Jungle Book" python
 - 44 Violinist Isaac
 - 45 Greek goddess
 - 46 Senegal's capital
 - 47 Trod the boards
 - 48 "Pictures — Exhibition"
 - 49 Rational
 - 50 Blackthorn
 - 51 Piedmont city
 - 52 Two-wheeler
 - 53 Ripened
 - 54 Not now
 - 55 Sicilian smoker
 - 57 Wooden peg
 - 58 Needlefish

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

PILUM SCREE WELT
AONE ELOPE IDEA
ROUNDROBIN SIDI
RPM EASE PETAL
CAPE EPIC
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REBUS ENDS ARTE
AGON ALLOT CAUL
SENT GEER SKINK
VERMONT SCENTS
YOGA RUHR
SPACE LIFE LOS
EARL STIFFORINK
AINO ORALE ASTI
SLOB DIERER SPOT

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠QJ6 ♥A108 ♦6 ♣AKJ1095
The bidding has proceeded:
West North East South
1 ♠ 2 ♦ Pass ?
What action do you take?

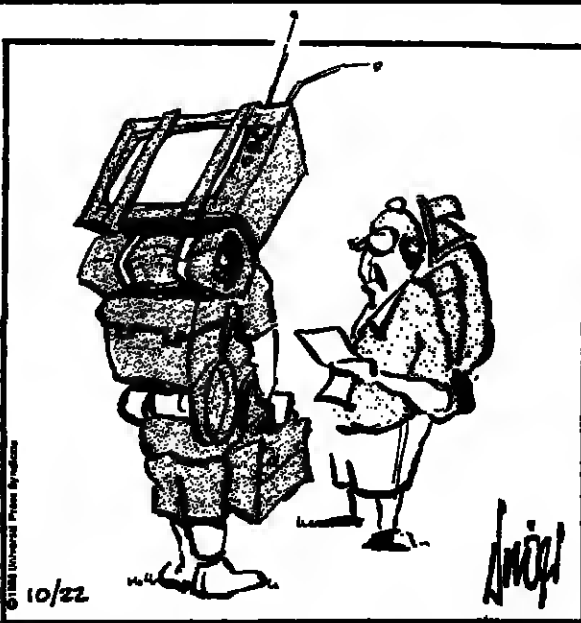
Q.2—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠83 ♥K6 ♦AJ85 ♣AK1063
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♣ Pass
2 ♠ Pass 3 ♦ Pass
3 ♠ Pass ?
What do you bid now?

Q.3—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠7 ♥AJ9 ♦KQ1063 ♣AK65
Partner opens the bidding with one spade. What do you respond?

Q.4—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠7 ♥AJ9 ♦KQ1063 ♣AK65
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♦ Pass
2 ♠ Pass ?
What do you bid now?

Q.5—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠7 ♥AJ9 ♦KQ1063 ♣AK65
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♦ Pass
2 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass
3 ♥ Pass ?
What do you bid now?

Q.6—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠QJ7 ♥KQ8 ♦Q1062 ♣76
Partner opens the bidding with one club. What do you respond?



"Got the waterproof matches?"



"See! I told you we hadn't!"

"The prison librarian's escaped!"

THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



B.C.

By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)
You should not try to do things by force. The less favourable influence of Saturn coupled with that of Mars will make it more difficult for you to see things in their proper perspective. Avoid eating too many sweet things.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)
You will be able to find a solution to a long-standing problem, but it may not quite work. You should not try to be too adventurous just now. Make sure you are properly dressed for the occasion. Be tactful.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)
You will be able to do the right thing at the right time. Once you have made up your mind you should not waver: you cannot have the cake and eat it. Do not lose sight of your objectives. Be resilient.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)
You are far too liable to live in a dream world and should try to snap out of it. No point in regretting what might have been. Instead you should try to learn from your mistakes. Be moderate.



Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)
You should make sure you are not straining your eyes. You will be able to make one or two changes for the better. Remember you do not have all the time in the world, far from it. Be tolerant.



Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)
You should try to do what has to be done in the morning and then take it a little more easily. Something you have been anticipating and allowing for will prove to have been right. Make sure you do not eat or drink too many sweet things.



Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)
You must not take any undue risks just now nor is the time right for any kind of gamble. You should not think that a problem will go away merely by putting it to one side. There is nothing to be gained from impatience.



Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)
You will be better able to deal with a practical problem. Make sure you do not do anything that would imperil the harmony with your partner. You should consider the alternative carefully before making up your mind.



Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)
There will be some moments of tension and stress but you will know how best to deal with them. Make sure you really need something that is a 'bargain' before you buy it. Take extra care when walking or driving. Be abstemious.



Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)
There will be some ups and downs in your mood and you should try to avoid meeting anyone with whom you do not get on well. Do not think that only you know the right answers. If persuasion does not work then you will force.



Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)
There will be a few changes in the situation and you will be able to take advantage of them. You should devote a little more time to your personal affairs. Take care not to spend more than you had intended. Be polite.



Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)
The Moon's more favourable influence will help you to attain your objectives. You should place more reliance upon yourself and less on other people. Do not expect to be loved for yourself alone. Be patient.

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Kann named publisher of Wall Street Journal

NEW YORK, Nov 18, (AP): Peter R. Kann has been named publisher of the Wall Street Journal, the business newspaper's parent company announced yesterday.

Dow Jones and Co. Inc. said that Kann, an associate publisher of the journal since 1979, will replace Warren H. Phillips as publisher. Phillips will continue as chairman and chief executive of Dow Jones.

Kann, 45, will assume his new post effective Jan. 1.

In addition, Kann is being appointed editorial director of Dow Jones' publications, a position which Phillips has held since early 1971. Kann also will continue as one of two executive vice-presidents of Dow Jones. The other, William L. Dunn, is publisher of the company's Information Services Group.

Kann, who joined the journal as a reporter when he graduated from Harvard in 1964, was a correspondent in Vietnam and the founding editor and publisher of the Asian Wall Street Journal. He won a Pulitzer prize for international reporting in 1972.

NIC to create over 7,000 new jobs

RIYADH, Nov 18, (OPECNA): Saudi Arabia's National Industrialisation Company (NIC) will create over 7,000 new jobs by 1990 by investing \$1.52 billion in new projects.

NIC chairman Dr. Mahsun Bahjat Jalal, in a foreword to the company's 1987 report, disclosed that 23 projects were either operational or under implementation.

According to the Saudi Press Agency, Jalal said total NIC assets last year rose to \$96.03 million while owners' equity increased to \$9.40 million.

Projects
Total funds invested by the end of 1987 amounted to \$47.42 million, 36 million of which was allocated for investment projects in 1988, said the report.

Jalal pointed out that due to the fact that a large portion of the company's paid-up capital had been invested in long-term industrial projects, revenue from liquidity management had fallen in 1987.

However, he said that the company had made a profit of \$2.14 million on certain industrial projects while keeping expenditure to the previous year's level.

Fed chief warns against borrowing from abroad

Bush vows to tackle budget deficit

WASHINGTON, Nov 18, (Agencies): President-elect George Bush vowed yesterday to tackle the federal budget deficit once he is inaugurated.

"We need to do something about it, and when I get into office we will do something about it," he said.

Bush told a news conference that he agreed with Federal Reserve Board chairman Alan Greenspan that the budget deficit is a matter for concern.

The financial markets have been falling since Bush's election due to concerns over the huge deficit.

Greenspan on Wednesday told the National Economic Commission, a bipartisan panel responsible for recommending ways to reduce the federal deficit, that "such large and persistent deficits are slowly but inexorably damaging the economy."

Increases
The federal budget gap totalled \$155 billion in fiscal year 1988 and is expected to top \$145 billion in the current fiscal year, which began on October 1. Many economists believe that tax increases, as well as spending cuts, will be needed to reduce the

deficit.
Earlier on Thursday, Bush's transition spokeswoman said that the market's decline was not due to Bush's refusal to raise taxes.

"I think it's just that traditional nervousness with change," the spokeswoman, Sheila Tate, said of the markets during a television interview.

Comments
She disparaged Greenspan's comments when told they seemed to suggest he would not oppose raising taxes as a last resort. "Economists never agree on anything," she said.

Greenspan on Wednesday offered no specific proposals for reducing the deficit. But he said lawmakers should emphasise spending cuts rather than tax increases. "We are more likely to be successful on the expenditure side than on the revenue side," he said.

In prior testimony to Congress, Greenspan recommended an increase in the gasoline tax.

Bush's economic adviser, Stanford University economics Professor Michael Boskin, said on Thursday that the federal budget could be balanced by

1993 with tight spending control and trimming of budget growth.

"The budget is projected to grow by a third of a trillion dollars over the next several years. If we can trim that growth to a smaller sum, we can get to a balanced budget in the time frame, by fiscal 1993, give or take a year," Boskin said in a television interview.

Bush, who has already reappointed Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady, said at his news conference that he would probably announce his choice for budget director before long. "I want to get our economic team in place," he said.

Former Deputy Treasury Secretary Richard Darman is widely expected to head the budget office.

Meanwhile, Greenspan has warned that Americans cannot rely indefinitely on money borrowed from abroad to finance the US budget deficit.

"I want to stress that the long-run is rapidly turning into the short-run," Greenspan told the National Economic Commission, suggesting that critical decisions on the deficit must be made soon.

Greenspan said inflow of foreign money has averaged almost 2 per cent of total US production, which he called an unprecedented level. That proportion would make it nearly \$80 billion for this year. Other estimates put the inflow as high as \$130 billion.

Greenspan pointed out that while other major governments have run budget deficits in recent years, they have raised them more easily from domestic savings.

"In Japan, for example, less than 20 per cent of its private savings has been absorbed by government deficits..." he said.

"In contrast, over half of private US private saving has been absorbed by the combined deficits of the federal and state and local sectors."

Investment
He explained that the reliance on savings to meet the US government deficit reduced the amount left for investment in the goods that create wealth for the future, such as schools, roads and factories.

"The existing data... indicate that total net private and public investment, as a share of gross domestic product over the period

between 1980 and 1986, was lower (in the United States) than in any of the other industrial countries except the United Kingdom," he said.

Robert Z. Lawrence of the Brookings Institution, a leading private study group on public policy, calculates that investment per US worker grew by only 0.6 per cent between 1980 and 1987. The US National Science Board says that both Japan and West Germany are increasing their investment in research and development faster than the United States.

Greenspan said that US investment would have been lower and interest rates higher if it had not been for the inflow of money from other countries. Since 1985 the appetite of private investors for US assets seems to have waned and a downward trend in long-term interest rates has stalled, he said.

The Federal Reserve chief said that studies have showed that sizeable foreign capital inflows for major industrial countries have not persisted and that "reliance on foreign sources of funds is not possible or desirable over extended periods."

Reagan hails US-Canada trade accord

WASHINGTON, Nov 18, (Reuters): President Reagan, in a move that could become an issue in Canada's general election, hailed the US-Canada free trade accord on Thursday as a model of international economic co-operation.

"As far as the United States is concerned, the free-trade agreement is an example of co-operation at its best," Reagan said in a speech to the US Chamber of Commerce.

"It is a testament to the commitment of our two governments to the principles of the open market and to economic co-operation," he said of the landmark agreement to lower trade barriers between the two countries.

Agreement
While Canada's ruling Conservatives back the free-trade pact, the opposition Liberal Party has threatened to tear up the pact if it wins Monday's election. The Liberals say the accord symbolises US domination of Canadian cultural and economic life.

Reagan's mention of the agreement so close to the election could trigger a firestorm over US interference in Canadian affairs. On another matter Reagan, in

a speech billed by the White House as a major address on US trade policy, signalled US trade goals will not change when President-elect Bush takes office in January.

"Anyone who thinks that American policy in this area might shift with the new administration or the new Congress is deluding himself," he said.

The President said the US Congress expressed its support for the policies being pursued at current trade talks by its recent passage of an omnibus trade bill, adding that he and Bush would soon meet US negotiators to repeat their support for those goals.

Reagan's statement comes just weeks before the December 5 mid-term review of the Uruguay round of world trade talks, to be held in Uruguay.

The Uruguay round, held under the auspices of the 96-nation General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), is aimed at lowering barriers to world trade, such as in agriculture, services, investments and intellectual property rights.

"The president-elect and I intend to meet with Trade Representative Clayton Yeutter and Agriculture Secretary Dick

Lyng before the mid-term review to reiterate our mutual support for this negotiation," Reagan said.

But he said the United States would be willing to take a more flexible approach than it has in the past regarding agricultural policy.

Reagan said the flexibility was in response to complaints from US trading partners that the United States was being unrealistic in pushing for the elimination of all barriers to free trade in farm goods by the year 2000.

They may have a point, and so I'm announcing today that when our team shows up at Montreal, they'll be ready to discuss flexible adjustment," Reagan said.

"They'll be flexible about timetables, so long as everyone agrees on the basic principles of ending trade-distorting subsidies and market access barriers," Reagan said. "The final goal is what is important."

Reagan reaffirmed the US commitment to monetary agreements reached by the Group of Seven industrial nations.

"From the Plaza agreement to the Tokyo summit to the

Toronto summit this year, we have worked with the other major industrial nations on the first prong — expanding international co-ordination in monetary, fiscal and other macro-economic policy," Reagan said.

Earlier yesterday, the White House said Reagan shared Federal Reserve Board chairman Alan Greenspan's view that the federal budget deficit required immediate action.

"The President agrees that we have to work on it immediately... we are working on the budget at this moment," said White House spokesman Martin Fitzwater.

Greenspan said on Wednesday the government must slash the budget deficit or suffer dire economic consequences.

Matsushita profits surge

TOKYO, Nov 18, (Reuters): The world's biggest consumer electronics company, Matsushita Electric Industrial, reported sharply higher profits yesterday thanks to a buying spree by Japanese businesses and consumers.

The maker of National and Technics products said net profit for the group climbed 33 per cent in the six months to Sept 30 this year to 104.3 billion yen (\$852 million) from 78.4 billion yen (\$639 million) in the same period a year ago.

Office automation equipment and air conditioners sold quickly, outstripping last year's sales by 18 per cent.

Brazil's oil strike threatens to disrupt economy

SAO PAULO, Nov 18, (Reuters): The biggest strike in the history of Brazil's oil industry has paralysed the nation's refineries and closed production platforms, threatening to severely disrupt the economy.

Oil workers began an indefinite pay strike on Friday and the state-controlled oil company Petrobras said yesterday that 90 per cent of its 61,000 employees had stopped work. Company officials said 10 out of the 11 oil refineries were at a standstill.

Production at the country's all-important Campos Basin, responsible for 60 per cent of total oil output, was expected to come to a halt in the next few days.

Officials said two platforms in the basin, located off Rio de Janeiro state, had already stopped working and the other 16 were likely to stop this week.

"We are on the verge of chaos," said a Petrobras official.

Petrobras is one of the 50 biggest companies in the world and is widely regarded as one of the most efficient firms in the big state sector of the Brazilian economy.

From January to September it exported \$790 million worth of petroleum products. In September the company exported on average 95,000 barrels of petrol per day to the United States. But as of Friday it had suspended all exports.

Mines and Energy Minister Aureliano Chaves said over the weekend the country's stocks of petroleum products would hold out for eight to 10 days.

The national oil stoppage adds to long list of strikes that have swept the country in the past few weeks as inflation has edged past 700 per cent a year.

Most strikes have hit the financially strapped government sector, disrupting ministries, public transport, state universities, electricity supplies and the steel industry.

At South America's biggest steel plant at Volta Redonda in Rio de Janeiro state, three workers died last Wednesday when the army stormed the plant to remove strikers.

Critical
On Sunday more than 10,000 mourners attended an emotional memorial service for the three. The tragedy has highlighted growing social tensions in the country.

The strike at the state-owned National Steel Company entered its eighth day on Monday and

has reached critical proportions.

The company said that unless work resumed within the next few days, one of the plant's furnaces could suffer irreversible damage. Rebuilding it would cost \$70 million.

At Petrobras workers are seeking a pay rise of 354 per cent. Company officials said the company was willing to accept most of the workers' demands and accused the federal government of preventing a breakthrough in negotiations.

"Staff salaries only account for six per cent of Petrobras' budget and its directors are willing to meet union demands. It's the federal government that will not allow it to do so," a Petrobras official said.

President Jose Sarney's government is trying to cut the country's huge public deficit.

OAPEC to undertake studies of substantive oil and gas issues

VIENNA, Nov 18, (OPECNA): A senior Arab oil expert said on Wednesday that the Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC) was embarking on studies of substantive issues relating to domestic energy prices and the use of natural gas in Arab countries.

Abdul Aziz Al Wattari, acting OAPEC secretary-general, told OPECNA in an interview that the studies would include one on the integration of the Arab refining system.

Study
He said transnational energy exchanges between Arab countries tended to lack balance as there was "either an excess or a shortage across the frontier," adding "our studies will show the economics of using neighbouring country resources to the advantage of all concerned."

On refining, he said the OAPEC study would demonstrate the benefits accruing from importing oil products from a neighbouring country with excess production instead of

expanding existing facilities or setting up new ones, as often happened.

Al Wattari said OAPEC would like to produce studies that were "practical and accurate" for the use of Arab energy planners. Of the three studies planned, one would relate to the establishment of an Arab energy data base.

The OAPEC secretary-general who is here for the 41st session of the organisation's ministerial council, said that the meeting would review the progress made since the 4th Arab energy conference concluded in Baghdad earlier this year. "We will also discuss our plans for the future," he added.

Funds
He said he would be asking the ministers to approve funds for the studies as they would help Arab governments keep things in perspective and expand co-operation in a practical and meaningful sense.

Al Wattari said the 4th Arab energy conference marked a 'watershed' as it departed from

the earlier practice of couching resolutions in "rather general phraseology." It had taken the time to put together a number of "practical ideas" which would help decision-makers in Arab countries to determine future investments in energy, future production patterns and precise economic expectations.

He said when resolutions passed at a multilateral conference such as those organised by OAPEC were of a general nature, governments tended "not to take them too seriously."

Co-operation

Asked about OAPEC's co-operation with other Arab institutions, he said the organisation was co-ordinating closely with the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development which was conducting a study on the integration of Arab electric power systems to facilitate inter-connection of power grids on a regional or sub-regional basis in Africa, the Gulf and between neighbouring Arab states elsewhere.

Soviet economic reform has little effect, say workers

MOSCOW, Nov 18, (Reuters): More than a third of Soviet industrial workers believe economic reforms introduced over the past year have had no effect, according to a survey published on Wednesday.

The weekly Moscow News said the survey was carried out by the Soviet Sociological Research Institute. It interviewed workers at 120 factories in all types of industry in different parts of the country.

Reforms

"Only 2.7 per cent considered that the reforms had achieved significant success, 42.5 per cent thought it had enjoyed limited success, 34.6 per cent indicated that nothing had been achieved, while 8.8 per cent said things had got worse," the weekly said.

Under the reforms, a key part of Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev's "perestroika" programme for economic, political and social renewal, 60 per cent of Soviet state enterprises became self-accounting and self-financing from Jan 1 this year.

Egypt cuts oil prices

CAIRO, Nov 18, (AP): Egypt today cut its export oil prices by 30 cents a barrel for all blends in the second half of this month, a senior oil ministry official said.

The official, who refused for policy reasons to let his name be used, said the new prices are \$11 a barrel for the top-grade Gulf of Suez; \$10.15 a barrel for Belayim; \$9 a barrel for Ras Badran; and \$8.70 a barrel for

Ras Ghareb. Egypt reviews export prices every fortnight. The oil ministry's pricing committee met almost daily in the first half of November but announced no price changes for the period.

Egypt's foreign customers were told that prices for the second half of October remained in effect during the first half of November, the official said.

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80/0	NEW ENG EL	24/3	24/4	SNRSM HUTT	19/2	19/2	19/2
47/7	NEW PLA RE	15/0	15/0	SHELL TRAN	71/3	71/3	71/3
17/6	NEWELL CO	27/7	27/5	SHER PLOW	53/5	53/4	53/4
15/0	NEWMONT MI	34/5	34/3	SMITH INT	7/6	7/6	7/6
35/0	NEWPAC GLD	34/6	34/7	SMITHK BEC	41/6	41/6	41/6
75/6	NI MOHE-10	0	60/1	SNAP ON TL	35/3	35/3	35/3
33/6	NI MOHT-72	0	74/4	SOURCE CAP	0	36/5	36/5
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*12	NICOR INC	30/7	30/7	SPAIN FUND	10/7	10/7	10/7
14/6	HL INDS	5/6	5/7	SPERRT	0	10/6	10/6
50/2	MOBILE AFF	11/7	11/7	SQUARE D	45/7	45/7	45/7
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52/3	NORTON	45/0	44/6	SUN CO	30/0	30/0	30/0
29/0	NOVO IND	39/0	38/6	SUNSTRAND	49/4	49/4	49/4
20/1	NUCOR CORP	42/4	42/5	SUNSH MIN	3/4	3/4	3/4
12/4	OKA INDS	15	15	SUPER VAL	22/4	22/2	22/2
37/5	OKS PETRCP	25/3	25/3	SOUTHWEST	18/0	17/7	17/7
25/4	OCEAN DRIL	0	14/3	SU GAS	19/2	19/2	19/2
15/4	ODGEN CORP	27/6	27/6	SUN BELL	40/0	39/0	39/0
17/5	OH ED CO	18/2	18/3	TANDT CORP	61/4	61/4	61/4
26/0	OHIO MATT	13/0	13/0	TDK	68/4	68/4	68/4
24/3	OLIN CORP	45/5	45/4	TECO ENER	23/5	23/5	23/5
44/0	ONNISCARE	7/6	7/6	TEKTRONIX	20/1	20/1	20/1
37/2	ORION PICT	13/4	13/4	TELEPHONE	323/1	322/3	322/3
19/3	PAINE WEB	15/6	15/7	TELEX CORP	0	49/0	49/0
43/5	PAM AM	2/4	2/5	TERADAY	11/2	11/2	11/2
45/6	PAMHANDLE	24/7	24/7	TERASOFT	11/2	11/2	11/2
33/1	PARK ELECT	15/5	15/5	TEXACO PET	*12	*12	*12
28/5	PARKER DRI	3/7	3/7	TEX EAS TR	26/4	26/4	26/4
35/5	PARKER HAN	2/2	2/2	TEXACO	45/6	45/6	45/6
46/4	PATRICK PET	0	47/0	TEXAS IND	29/4	29/4	29/4
128/0	PULLCO INC	0	0	TEXAS INST	35/5	35/5	35/5
13/0	PC INDUS-96	0	88/1	TEXTRON	23/4	23/4	23/4
27/0	PEGASUS	12/7	12/7	THOMPS MED	0	22/2	22/2
24/3	PEMIN CENTR	22/4	22/3	TIDEWATER	6/7	6/6	6/6
28/5	PEMMULT	78/2	78/0	TIGER INT	11/7	11/6	11/6
157/5	PENNZOIL	71/2	71/1	TINKEN	29/2	28/6	28/6
60/1	PEOPLES EN	20/3	20/0	TORCHMARK	30/0	30/0	30/0
33/0	PEPSICO	39/3	39/0	TOSCO	3/1	3/1	3/1
27/5	PHELPS DOD	45/6	45/4	TOYS R US	35/5	35/5	35/5
17/0	PHILIP MOR	92/0	91/4	TRANSCOR	31/2	31/1	31/1
23/2	PHILIPS PE	19/3	19/2	TRANSCO EN	31/6	31/6	31/6
115/3	PILLSBURY	57/1	56/4	TRANSCO EX	5/6	5/6	5/6
31/5	PINNACLE W	15/5	15/5	TRAVELLERS	34/7	34/6	34/6
6/4	PITN-BOMES	40/5	40/4	TRINITY IN	28/3	28/2	28/2
19/2	PITTSO	16/1	16/0	TV CORP	22/3	22/4	22/4
28/3	POLAROID	35/0	34/3	TYCO LABS	33/4	33/4	33/4
8/6	PORTLAND GE	21/7	21/7	UAL CORP	97/2	97/0	97/0
30/5	PRIME CORP	16/3	16/1	UTD BRAND	14/4	14/4	14/4
81/2	PRIME INNS	30/6	30/4	UTD TECH	38/6	38/6	38/6
32/4	PRIMERICA	26/6	26/4	UNITLEVER	57/3	57/3	57/3
82/2	PROCT-GAMB	79/6	79/2	UNION CAMP	31/6	31/3	31/3
34/6	PUGET-SP-L	18/4	18/4	UNION CARB	25/5	25/5	25/5
30/4	PULTE HOME	9/1	9/1	US SHOE	22/7	22/4	22/4
59/6	QUAKER	30/2	30/1	USX CP	26/6	26/4	26/4
35/4	QUAKER OAT	16/5	16/3	US WEST	55/4	55/4	55/4
17/5	QUANTUM CH	95/4	95/2	US AIR CP	34/2	34/0	34/0
54/2	RUSH PURIN	76/4	75/6	VALERO EX	7/1	7/1	7/1
20/0	RAMADA INN	8/3	8/2	VALLEY IND	0	2/0	2/0
				VARCO INTL	2/6	2/6	2/6

16/2	RAYMATH	3/2	3/3	WAINCO OIL	6/0	6/1
16/2	RAYTHEON	68/5	68/6	WAL MART	29/7	29/6
12/2	REGAL INTL	0	.03	WALGREEN	30/2	30/1
18/3	REYNOLD MTL	50/2	50/1	WARNER COM	33/4	33/4
46/1	RJR NABISCO	83/5	82/4	WARNER LAM	72/5	72/3
69/1	ROCHES G-E	17/4	17/5	WASTE MAN	0	38/0
38/7	ROCKMATT C	9/6	9/6	WASH GAS INC	25/0	25/0
32/0	ROCKWELL	19/1	19/2	WEIDT INTL	5/6	5/7
74/4	ROHR INDS	26/3	26/3	WEST CO	14/3	14/3
30/1	ROLLINS EN	9/5	9/5	WESTINGHOUSE	50/1	50/3
27/8	ROLLINS IN	17/2	17/1	WILLIAMS C	30/2	30/3
2/3	ROKOR GRP	38/6	38/1	WILLIAMS E	5/2	5/3
2/4	ROKOR GRP	4/3	4/7	WINN-DIXIE	9/1	9/1
2/4	ROYL DUTCH	113/0	113/0	WINN-DIXIE	4/14	4/14
3/1	RS&S BEPRL	0	19/0			

12/2	RYLAND GRP	17/4	17/4	WRIGLEY	36/1	36/3
34/6	S DIEG G-E	36/7	36/7	WYLE LABS	0	8/6

Street Statistics *Composite*

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1 1/8	+ 1 1/4	PRESENER	5 1/2

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International Bond Highlights

Paris — Financial institution Casden-BP is issuing a one billion franc domestic bond in one fixed-rate and three floating-rate tranches, lead manager Banque Monetaire et Financier said. (RTVS 1530)

Zurich — Nestle Holding Inc of Delaware, United States, is launching a 300 mln Swiss franc 4-1/2 pct seven-year straight bond priced at 101 pct, lead manager Credit Suisse said (RTZD 1125)

London — Bergen Bank A/S is issuing a 100 mln Australian dr Eurobond due January 10, 1994 paying 7-1/4 pct and priced at 101-7/8 pct, lead manager IBI International Ltd said. The issue's redemption amount is tied to the Australian dollar/yen foreign exchange rate. (RTZF 1135)

London — Shimizu Europe BV, a unit of Shimizu Corp, is issuing a 50 mln dr Eurobond due December 1, 1993 paying 9-3/4 pct and priced at 101-5/8 pct, lead manager Yamaichi International (Europe) Ltd said. (RTYN 1003)

Interbank Rates

CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDN 11-7/8 5/8	11-15/16 5/8	12-1/4 12
FFY 4.35/45	4.70/75	4.90/95
PAR 7-11/16 13/16	7-15/16 8-1/16	8-1/8 1/4
ZUR 3-5/8 3-7/8	4-1/8 4-3/8	4-1/4 4-1/2
BRE 7.00	7-1/8 3/16	7-3/16 1/4
ROM 10-1/2 11	11-1/2 12	11-1/2 12
AMS 5.38/50	5.25/31	5.32/42
TOK 3.6250 6875	4.0625 1250	4.3125 3750
EDI 7.25 7.50	7.43 7.56	7.62 7.75

Interest Rates

Following are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait yesterday.

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	6-13/16	7-1/16
3 months	6-3/4	7-1/4
6 months	6-11/16	7-1/8
1 year	6-5/8	7-1/8

BOMBAY

	PR. CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	99	98	97	NICO	652.50	640	650
				GNFC	59	62	61	MUKAND	122	122	123
ACC	372	374	388.50	GRASIM	90	92.50	92	NOCIL	940	960	950
ASIA PAINT	225	223.75	221.25	GSFC	151.25	153.75	155	ORAJAY	40.50	41	41.5
BAJAJ AUTO	390	392.50	408.50	RIND LEVER	83	85	83	PEICO	32.50	31	32
BAL. RAYON	--	375	367.50	HINDALCO	125	--	--	PFIZER	88	86	85
BOM. OYING	133.50	134	135	HINDCOCOA	118.75	118.75	122	PRE. AUTO	55.50	56	56.5
BR. BOND	114	113	115	HINDMOTOR	31	31.25	31.50	RAYMOND	67.50	67	66
BSE INDEX	708.20	708.20	102 ORG	48	48	49	49.50	RELIANCE	174.50	175	174.5
CENTURYSPG	1480	1500	1495	INDRAYON	86.50	86.50	88	SIEMENS	108	109	108
COLGATE	319.50	321.75	321.25	INDROL	270	273.75	272.50	SPIC	64	64.50	66.50
DEEPFACET	47	49	48.50	ITC	50	47	49	STONHILLB	345	340	345
EI. HOTEL	57.50	53.75	57.50	JKSYNTH	87.50	93	91	TATA PUR	360	355	377.5
ESKAYEF	153.75	150	151.25	L AND T	130	131	132	TATACHEN	112	113	109
ESSAR	30	30.25	31	MAHINDRA	121	120	117.50	YELCO	767.50	770	775
GAR. POLY	117.50	118.50	115	MASTERSHR	19	19	19.35	TISCO	1070	1072	1092
GE. SHIP	43.75	44	43.75	MATHER PL	70	71.25	68.75	VOLYAS	560	555	560

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STOCK	LAST	PR. CLSE
AGG	185.1	184.5
ALLIANZ VR	174.0	172.0
BADENWERK	181.0	181.0
BASF	273.2	270.4
BAYER	295.8	292.2
BAYER HYP	365.0	368.0
BAYER VER	368.0	360.0
BBF	329.5	324.0
BIC	405.0	402.0
BKH	524.0	518.0
COMMERZBK	238.7	236.0
CONTI GUMH	270.0	264.8
DAI HYP	742.2	739.0
DAI HYP PT	260.0	258.0
DAI HYP SC	910	901
DAI HYP TO	1270	1260
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HONG KONG

STOCK	LAST	PR. CLSE
H HUNNEL	15.30	15.20
HONG K	7.30	7.20
HONG GAS	16.80	16.60
HONG L	14.20	14.00
HONG NTR	23.10	22.90
HONG PROP	3.50	3.40
HONG IND	1.82	1.82
HONG EAST C	.67	.68
HONG ORIENT	0	44.00
HONG DEVELP	8.85	8.90
HONG INDEX	581.16	566.88
HONG LING	5.30	5.30
HONG SEAG	27.70	27.50
HONG PAR BR	9.00	9.00
HONG ELEC CO	6.95	6.90
HONG KOLCON	7.90	7.90
HONG LAND CO	8.50	8.35
HONG SHAN BK	6.15	6.10
HONG SHAN NT	5.60	5.55
HONG TELE CO	5.10	5.10
HONG UMAN	8.20	8.20
HONG JED PAC	10.00	10.30
HONG KONG	14.20	14.00
HONG KONG	8.60	8.60
HONG WORLD	11.90	11.70
HONG Y CON	2.42	2.45
HONG UTY DEV	6.95	6.95
HONG K O	1.90	1.89
HONG K PROP	11.30	11.30
HONG K DARBY	2.27	2.30
HONG K NFG	2.60	2.57
HONG K PAC	17.90	17.90
HONG B O	1.50	1.63
HONG CHEUNG	3.87	3.81
HONG ON BANK	1.50	1.51
HONG CK HARD	0	7.25
HONG CK HARI	0	1.15
HONG LD INTL	3.72	3.75

TOKYO

STOCK	LAST	PR. CLSE
AJINOMOTO	3100	2940
AKAI ELEC	580	578
AKAI	1010	1010
ASAHI GLS	1920	1940
ASAHI OPT	640	659
BANK TOKYO	1550	1560
BRIDGESTON	1280	1290
CANON	1320	1350
CASIO COMP	1300	1300
CHUGAI PHM	1480	1500
CITIZEN W	818	815
O-ICHI KAN	3160	3200
DAI HYP IK	900	896
DAI HYP PT	2600	2580
DAI HYP SC	910	901
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Domestic monetary and banking development under review

CBK tries to enhance economic activity

DURING the fiscal year 1987/88 the Central Bank of Kuwait has exerted intensive efforts to enhance domestic economic activity and to restore stability to the banking and financial system. These efforts were represented by several procedures, mainly the effective implementation of the "Difficult Credit Facilities Settlement Programme," the issuance of public debt instruments by the CBK, on behalf of the Ministry of Finance, amending the discount rate of commercial papers and determining the maximum contractual interest rates on consumer loans. Added to this were CBK efforts to regulate liquidity levels in the banking system, maintain a stable KD exchange rate and other measures regarding its supervision over the banking and financial system, according to CBK annual report.

The fiscal year 1987/88 witnessed the effective implementation of the "Difficult Credit Facilities Settlement Programme," which was announced on August 10, 1986 as a comprehensive scheme offering a suitable solution for this problem.

During 1987 and the first half of 1988 the Kuwaiti banks were able to implement technically the settlement of most of their difficult credit facilities to residents whose financial positions showed deficits. During this period 1007 out of 1083 settlements (93 per cent) already delivered to debtors were authenticated at the Ministry of Justice.

Efforts

The results of implementing this programme reflect the CBK efforts manifested in supervising the settlement process and in ensuring that banks are abiding

by the Programme's rules and regulations. The CBK efforts meant to provide protection for the banking system and enhance confidence in it, while maintaining sound positions for main economic institutions in the country.

During the fiscal year 1987/88, the Central Bank of Kuwait, on behalf of the Ministry of Finance, issued public debt instruments, pursuant to Law Decree No. 50 of 1987 authorising the Government, within a period of not more than ten years to have a public loan with a value not exceeding KD 1400 million, by issuing bearer treasury bills and bonds, or by direct borrowing from financial institutions.

Instruments

With the issuance of these instruments, the Central Bank of Kuwait was able to realise several monetary objectives,

mainly its possession of a new financial instrument by which it can effectively exercise open market operations and thereby regulate the levels of domestic liquidity.

This instrument can also influence interest rates to maintain stability in the money market and develop the structure of these rates according to the variation in maturity dates of public debt instruments which cover maturities ranging between three months and several years.

It is important to note in this respect that the Central Bank of Kuwait has exerted intensive efforts to use public debt instruments in open market operations. The size of its intervention in the secondary market for treasury bills — buying and selling — during the last three months of the fiscal year 1987/88

totalled KD 623.1 million for 172 transactions, 98 of them (KD 343.5 million) selling transactions, and 74 buying transactions (KD 279.6 million).

Furthermore, these instruments — in addition to other financial instruments — provided the banking and financial institutions and the private sector with new guaranteed investment outlets which will help both the money and capital markets in the country to intensify and develop their activities.

By having public debt instruments, these institutions were provided with good financial instruments giving reasonable yields, to use in managing their monetary flows and thereby diversifying the use of their financial resources and improving the quality of their investment portfolios.

This was clearly manifested by

the secondary market activity of treasury bills among local banks. Excluding the CBK intervention, the value of trading in that market during the last three months of the fiscal year 1987/88 totalled KD 641.2 million distributed over 402 transactions.

From November 25, 1987, to the end of the fiscal year 1987/88, the Central Bank of Kuwait has offered 16 issues of public debt instruments, totalling KD 2327.51 million; the total value of treasury bills was KD 1703 million (KD 933 million for matured bills), while the total value of treasury bonds was KD 624.51 million.

The balance of public debt instruments as of June 30, 1988 totalled KD 1394.51 million (KD 770 million treasury bills and KD 624.51 million for treasury bonds).

To be continued.

Local banks' total budget increased in September

KUWAIT, Nov 18, (KUNA): The total budget of local banks has increased by KD129 million (one per cent) in September compared to August and reached KD12964 million, a monetary bulletin issued by the Central Bank of Kuwait recently reported.

The bulletin said that money circulation registered a slight retreat of KD23 million (0.5 per cent) in September to KD4798 million compared to its level in August.

The retreat was attributed to changes in circulation elements such as the decline in repayable dinar deposits which lost 63 million of its value (2.9 per cent) and the decrease of KD8 million (0.5 per cent) of foreign currencies deposits, deposits' certificates and money in circulation.

Deposits

Kuwait inter-bank offered rates during September went up by varying levels, as deposits repayable within six months maintained their former prices, the Central Bank's bulletin said.

The Central Bank had issued treasury bonds amounting to a value of KD300 million during September. The dinar rate of exchange against the US dollar registered a slight retreat of 0.88 per cent in September below the previous month and American currency was cashed for between 284.97 and 288.50 fils, the bulletin said.

France and Kuwait to sign investment accord

KUWAIT, Nov 18, (KUNA): French Finance Minister Pierre Bérégovoy today said that France and Kuwait would shortly sign two accords covering investments and financial matters.

In a Paris-dated interview with a local daily, Bérégovoy, who is also State Minister for the Economy and Budget, said he would give attention to development of industrial, economic and financial relations with Kuwait and the other Gulf states.

Trade relations will also be expanded by organising a "French season" in the region, he added.

Capital

The French official noted that though Kuwaiti capital invested in his country has doubled between 1985 and 1987, it remains little compared to total Kuwaiti savings and investment opportunities in France.

He supported more French investment in existing Gulf industrial projects and investment of Kuwaiti and French capital in France.

Concerning Kuwaiti investments in European heavy industries, Bérégovoy noted that the accord concluded between the European Economic Community states and the Gulf Co-operation Council countries covers two spheres which are connected directly or indirectly to industrial co-operation.

KHC to take over management of Kuwait Hilton

KUWAIT, Nov 18, (Reuters): Kuwait Hotels Company will take over management of the Kuwait Hilton from the US hotel chain on Jan 1 and rename it the Kuwait International, chairman of the board Al Ahmed Al Ghamdi announced yesterday.

The 415-room hotel has been managed by Hilton since it opened in 1969 as one of the first luxury hotels in the country. Kuwait Hotels Company is owned by the state Kuwait Investment Authority.

Gold eases

Central banks renew battle for dollar

LONDON, Nov 18, (Reuters): Central banks repeatedly bought dollars in the open market today in a concerted bid to halt a slide by America's currency which threatened to dislocate the global economy.

They kept it around 1.74 West German marks and 123 yen, up from yesterday's New York closing values of 1.7303 and 122.05.

The Bank of Japan intervened in Asian trading. West Germany's Bundesbank and six other European central banks hit the market again early in Europe's day. They came back later, after New York opened the dollar slipped a little, when America's Federal Reserve Board also joined in.

Battle

The banks were renewing a battle begun yesterday, when they probably bought at least \$2 billion, against a market which has taken the dollar down 10 per cent since the summer, because of fears about US economic policy.

The slide has accelerated in recent days.

West German dealers said 1.74 marks seemed to be the floor for the dollar that the banks had in mind.

The central banks came back in a second time today after US Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady said he was not worried by its weakness and that he saw no sign of higher US interest rates.

These would make dollar assets a more lucrative buy.

The markets took a negative view of his remarks and the dollar began sliding again.

The renewed intervention took it back above 1.74 marks and 123 yen. Then it eased again, although it held above 1.7350 and around 122.75.

Mixed

Wall Street stocks were mixed in early New York trading with the Dow Jones Industrial Average holding around yesterday's closing 2,052. Stock traders kept a wary eye on the gyrating dollar.

In Europe dealers said it was important that the powerful West German Bundesbank, after being effectively out of the market for several months, had finally joined in concerted intervention to prop the dollar.

"Clear support from the Bundesbank will send the dollar up like a homesick angel," said a currency dealer in Frankfurt.

Speculators are terrified of the German central bank which has a reputation for perfectly timed snap deals to burn people who have bet too hard on a currency moving this way or that.

So the market was wary for the dollar's recovery from dollars.

Pressure

The dollar has been under pressure since George Bush won the US presidential election on

Nov 8. Investors think he will have to let it slide to correct America's trade gap and are also worried that he may fail to deal with its other big deficit, the federal budget.

The dollar is perilously close to a historic low against the yen of 120.20 which it touched on Jan 4 and is down about 10 per cent from values against key currencies this summer.

Meanwhile the central bank rescue bid reflects international pledges to stop fluctuations in the world's reserve currency.

According to the New York Times, representatives of US Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady and from other leading industrial nations met secretly in Paris on Monday.

It said the meeting at the Louvre Palace offices of France's Finance Ministry led to the central bank interventions. The Bundesbank declined to comment on the report.

Fluctuations

Brady, out to reassure financial markets, said today he was not worried by the dollar and stock market fluctuations.

Dealers estimate the banks have bought at least \$2 billion in the biggest concerted dollar defence since January.

But they say they can't prop it up this way for ever and that president-elect Bush must create confidence in his ability to tackle

America's deficits.

European central banks in the market today were the Bundesbank and those of Austria, Belgium, France, Italy and Switzerland, dealers said.

Although Wall Street took a tumble earlier in the week the dollar's plight has yet to upset the biggest stock market, in Tokyo, which stayed on a record-breaking ascent today to close at an all-time high for the sixth day running.

A strong yen spells low Japanese interest rates.

Tokyo's six-day rally, its longest foray into record territory since last October's crash, has added more than 1,000 points to the Nikkei average. This ended today at 29,180, up 103 on the day.

Eased

Elsewhere in Asia, Sydney's stock market eased 1.8 points on the Australian All-Ordinaries index to 1,493 but Hong Kong's Hang Seng ended up 12 at 2,581.

In Europe's morning, shares also advanced in Frankfurt and Paris helped by the dollar's partial rebound and a 14-point recovery on Wall Street yesterday after a fall there of nearly 39 on Wednesday.

London stocks turned mixed as the market assessed British economic figures showing inflation in October running at 6.4 per

cent. The FTSE index of 100 British blue chip at London's midday was barely changed at 1,822.

Stable

Sterling remained stable worth around \$1.8125.

The gold price eased to a London market setting at \$417.75 an ounce, down from 425 earlier this week.

Bullion dealers said the main factor was a weaker oil price which diminished the risk of inflation, against which gold is a favoured hedge.

Crude prices have dropped sharply in the past two days. Spot market traders doubt if OPEC ministers, meeting in Vienna, can end a dispute between Iraq and Iran so as to clinch an accord to cut output and mop up the prevailing glut.

A cargo of typical North Sea Brent crude changed hands of today for \$12 a barrel, down a dollar since Tuesday.

The dollar dipped a little in Europe's early afternoon as the market pondered Treasury Secretary Brady's comment that he was not worried by its weakness and a further remark, that he saw no sign of higher US interest rates. These would make dollar assets a more attractive buy.

Still, the dollar held above 1.7350 marks and around 122.75 yen.

Brady sees no rise in interest rates

WASHINGTON, Nov 18, (Reuters): Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady said today he is not worried by the weakness of the dollar and US stock prices since George Bush's election and he sees no sign that US interest rates will rise.

"I don't see anything in the figures right now that would indicate that the interest rates are going to rise," Brady said on NBC's Today programme.

Deficits

Brady also said concerns in the financial markets about the resolve of president-elect Bush to deal with the federal budget deficit were "overblown."

The US economy, which has fallen sharply since the Nov 8 election on concerns about the trade and budget deficits, has fir-

med in the last two days as the major central banks bought dollars in the open market yesterday and today.

"I don't really worry about it very much," Brady said.

Some foreign exchange traders were surprised by Brady's remarks and said they may have helped weaken the currency rather than strengthen it.

"It was strange for Brady to say he was unconcerned about the dollar when central banks have been buying it for two days to prop it up," said one dealer.

Subsidised

"The comments were counter-productive," said a chief dealer at another US bank.

Immediately after today's central bank dollar-buying, the

currency jumped up to about 1.7455 West German marks and 123.20 Japanese yen, but soon subsided to around 1.7375 marks and 122.75 yen in midmorning New York trading.

Recent indicators showing stronger-than-expected growth in the economy and the slide in the dollar since the presidential election have recently heightened concerns in financial markets that interest rates may soon be nudged higher to protect against the threat of higher inflation.

The discount rate, the rate at which the Federal Reserve lends money to commercial banks, is currently 6.5 per cent, while the prime rate, the rate at which banks lend to their preferred corporate clients, now stands at 10 per cent.

China's oil exports forecast lower for third straight year

BEIJING, Nov 18, (Reuters): China's crude oil exports will fall in 1988 for the third consecutive year because of low world prices and stagnant production which cannot keep pace with domestic demand, Western analysts predicted today.

China has pledged not to increase exports in its unwritten Co-operation with OPEC. The oil organisation meets again in Vienna tomorrow to try to boost world prices through output curbs.

China hopes OPEC and non-OPEC members can stabilise oil prices on the international market ... we hope we can keep our own level of exports stable," a spokesman for state-owned

China National Petroleum Corporation said.

He denied Western and Chinese reports that Peking had called for an emergency meeting of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries and non-OPEC members.

Exports

China was one of six non-OPEC members to propose a five per cent cut in its exports last April. OPEC members failed to agree on their own output curbs and the deal fell through.

According to official figures, China's exports in September fell to 2.17 million tonnes from 2.56 million in August and 2.57 million in September, 1987.

Deadlock sends oil prices skidding worldwide

OPEC turns up pressure on Iran and Iraq

VIENNA, Nov 18, (Reuters): Iran and Iraq came under strong pressure today from Saudi Arabia and other oil exporters to resolve a dispute over output levels as a deadlock at OPEC talks sent crude prices skidding worldwide.

Dubai oil, a key Middle East crude, slumped under \$10 a barrel, \$7.50 below the organisation's target. Traders thought that uncompromising attitudes by Iran and Iraq at the talks boded ill for an OPEC accord to curb excess output and tighten an oversupplied market.

Iraq insists that an output agreement for 1989 allow it to pump as much oil as Iran, historically a bigger producer. Iran rejects this demand for parity in their allowed quotas.

Hoped

OPEC Secretary-General Subroto of Indonesia held out little hope today of an early breakthrough, telling reporters: "We are working very hard ... we have to be realistic."

Asked how the gap could be bridged, Subroto sighed and, after a long pause, said: "By talking to them."

The present Vienna talks group eight oil ministers of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries' pricing and strategy committees, man-

dated to prepare for a full OPEC conference next Monday.

OPEC sources said three non-Middle East ministers, of Nigeria, Indonesia and Venezuela, were today asked to talk separately with the Iranian and Iraqi ministers to mediate in the dispute which has split the 13-nation organisation and raised the spectre of an oil market crash to rival that of 1986.

Pressure

Delegates said Saudi Arabia, working with its Gulf ally Kuwait, was sure to exert pressure for a compromise.

The Iran-Iraq row must end before OPEC can start negotiating a new output sharing accord to stem the torrent of oil caused by a collapse of discipline among small and large producers alike. Iraq has boycotted those agreements for the past two years in protest at Iran's continued blocking of its demand to be allowed to pump the same amount of oil.

The opening session of talks between Iran and Iraq, Algeria, Indonesia, Kuwait, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia and Venezuela offered little encouragement to oil traders who pushed US prices down by as much as 80 cents a barrel yesterday.

"My earlier projection of the meetings to reach an accord on

an overall output quota including Iraq was 50-50," said Tsutomu Toichi, chief economist at Japan's Institute of Energy Economics.

Saudi Arabia is a powerbroker in OPEC because it has huge oil reserves and the ability to flood markets to teach renegade producers a lesson.

It has already flexed its muscles in past weeks, pumping an estimated 6.35 million barrels a day during the first half of November, about two million more than its ceiling under OPEC's now discredited production accord forged in late 1986.

Oil traders estimate total OPEC output could now be averaging as much as 23 million barrels per day, six per cent above October and about 20 per cent above estimates of demand.

Nigeria, whose Oil Minister Rilwanu Lukman is OPEC president, has also mounted a diplomatic offensive to try to narrow the gap between Iran and Iraq.

OPEC sources said General Ibrahim Babangida had sent envoys from Lagos to Tehran and Baghdad with a personal appeal to their leaders to compromise over oil.

But Indonesian Oil Minister Giniarjan Kartasasmita detected little softening of positions on a

shuttle to the two capitals earlier this week and yesterday rated chances of success at the Vienna talks as no better than 50-50.

Market pessimism has already worked through to prices, but traders are wary of writing off OPEC, only too aware that the organisation has repeatedly pulled back from the brink in the past.

Dubai crude for delivery in January continued to slide in Europe today, shedding 10 cents to \$9.90 per barrel after falling overnight in Tokyo and Singapore.

But the most widely-traded non-OPEC crude, North Sea Brent, steadied around \$12 after recovering from early falls on a feeling yesterday's slide in New York may have been overdone.

In the 1986 crash, which plunged many OPEC states into economic crisis, Dubai sank to \$6.75, but ministers in Vienna have been anxious to play down any parallels.

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WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, Nov 18, (Reuters): Shares closed easier in thin trade as the market fell for the seventh consecutive trading day. The All Ordinaries index closed 1.8 points down at 1,493.0.

TOKYO: Bullish sentiment pushed share prices to their sixth straight record close. The Nikkei index rose 103.49 points, or 0.36 per cent, to 29,180.20.

HONG KONG: Share prices closed at the day's high on improved market sentiment, encouraged by the US dollar's mild recovery. The Hang Seng index rose 12.37 to 2,581.16.

SINGAPORE: The market closed mixed after mild bargain-

hunting alternated with tight selling in listless trading. The Straits Times industrial index rose 0.14 to 991.37.

BOMBAY: Share prices improved on sustained buying by state-owned investment institutions and speculators. Brokers said the market opened firm on news Benazir Bhutto hoped to form a new Pakistani government.

FRANKFURT: Surging interest in selected blue chips drove the West German Real Time 30 share Dax index up close at 1,277.55, up 12.96 points from the previous close.



A money broker checks his pay slip after receiving his salary on payday, just after the morning session in Tokyo today. The dollar stabilised in morning trade due to concerted intervention by central banks to keep the currency above 123 yen. (Reuters wirephoto)

We will continue to support Japanese market: Christensen



Kevin Mudd, Tony Mustafa and Andrew Christensen (right) are shown at the seminar.

1988 HAS been a year of real growth in world economies, according to Andrew Christensen of Hoare Govett stockbrokers.

Although a recession was forecast at the time of the October 1987 stock markets crash, the economic news hasn't been all bad, Christensen said.

"We are not bringing a message of doom and gloom, far from it," he said. We believe that by concentrating on those economies in the world that are strong, investors will benefit from the long term gains that will be made."

Emphasis

Christensen made the comments at a recent seminar organised by Overseas Financial Services.

In the company's Managed Portfolio Service "we have placed considerable emphasis on

the Japanese market. Over the past four years, while most of the time we have not placed much emphasis on America, he said.

"The benefit is a strong performance record. From January to June 1988, we increased our investment value in sterling by an average of 19.05 per cent."

"In the future, we will continue to strongly support the Japanese market," he said. "It is no coincidence that the equity market in Tokyo is today standing at an all time high."

"This does not deter us at all. We believe that the real benefits within the Japanese economy are still to be achieved and appreciated."

"Japan is presently where the United States was in the early 1960's — entering a golden age and it is our intention that our clients will benefit from this," Christensen said.

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Everton could do rivals a favour

LONDON, Nov 18, (Reuters): Everton could do arch-rivals Liverpool and championship favourites Arsenal a big favour by beating English League leaders Norwich tomorrow.

The Norwich hubbly has refused stubbornly to burst and with nearly a third of the season over they stand four points clear of second-placed Arsenal and eight ahead of the champions in fifth spot.

Norwich have won all their five away League games, but not their day Everton are more than capable of ending that run.

Liverpool, away to Queen's Park Rangers, continue to chase their best form but history shows it would be foolish to write off their title chances.

Absence
QPR welcome back goalkeeper David Seaman, who made his debut for England in the 1-1 draw in Saudi Arabia on Wednesday, and defender Mark Dennis after a six-week absence with a dislocated shoulder.

Manager Jim Smith offered an interesting observation on playing the Merseysiders. "We all look forward to playing Liverpool because the pressure is not so great, as they are always expected to win," he said.

Arsenal have developed a championship look over the last few weeks. They demolished Nottingham Forest and then beat Newcastle without playing at their best.

Newly promoted Middlesbrough offer the opposition at Highbury, but they have a poor away record and Arsenal, should with seven internationals, should extend their unbeaten run to 12 matches.

Three new faces are in competition for places in Manchester United's team to face third-placed Southampton at Old Trafford as United battle against a mounting injury list.

Manager Alex Ferguson has been forced to shuffle his options and new signing Ralph Milne from Third Division Bristol City is in the 14-strong squad.

He joined United a week ago and has had only one reserve team match. Ferguson intended to ease him into action without a couple more reserve outings but the departure of Jesper Olsen to Bordeaux leaves him short of forward cover.

Twenty-year-old Tony Gill and 19-year-old David Wilson are also in the squad.

Millwall, high-flying newcomers to the English First Division, will have valuable inside information when they face Newcastle at home tomorrow.

A week ago Millwall, fourth in the League, paid Newcastle \$340,000 for Paul Stephenson and the 20-year-old winger intends to make the most of the knowledge gained from 64 games with his former club.

Inside
Stephenson, who marked his first game for Millwall by scoring in their 1-1 draw at Liverpool last Saturday, said: "I shall tell Millwall all about Newcastle. I know the Newcastle people will respect that I have to do that. The inside information will certainly be useful."

Meanwhile, the long haul to the FA Cup final at Wembley in May starts tomorrow with teams from Minor Leagues including Third and Fourth Division opposition in the first round of the competition.

Little known sides like Waterlooville, Gaisborough and Frickley will have their dreams.

HIRWANI RUNS THROUGH KIWIS BATTING

India brush aside New Zealand

BANGALORE, India, Nov 18, (Reuters): Indian spinner Narendra Hirwani cut a swathe through an illness-hit New Zealand side yesterday as the touring team crashed to a 172-run defeat in the first cricket Test.

Hirwani took six for 59 as New Zealand, with 13 of their 15-man squad suffering from viral fever, were dismissed for 164 shortly after lunch.

The 20-year-old leg-spinner, who took 16 wickets in his Test debut in Madras against West Indies in January, has now taken 24 wickets in two Tests at an average of just 10.75.

Helped
Hirwani dismissed five of the first six New Zealand batsmen as well as wicketkeeper Ian Smith, although he was helped by two dubious lbw decisions in his favour by umpire Pilo Report.

Having deceived Trevor Franklin (16) with his flipper, which uprooted the middle stump, Hirwani was lucky to have an lbw appeal against John Wright upheld.

The New Zealand captain appeared to have been hit outside the line off-stump while clearly offering a shot.

Wright, who was out for 58 including seven fours and a six, is now only 25 short of Bevan Congdon's New Zealand Test record

of 3,448 runs, although John Reid lies in second place five ahead of Wright.

At 92 for two, all was by no means lost for New Zealand, but a crucial blow was struck when at 107 Andrew Jones was given out lbw for 17 to Hirwani when he seemed to have got a thick inside edge on to his pad.

The umpire was again Report, who was involved in a row with West Indies captain Viv Richards in the Calcutta Test last December.

After Jones's dismissal, New Zealand collapsed. Inning the wickets of Evan Gray (70), Mark Greatbatch (10), Chris Kugelejin (0) and Ken Rutherford (0), with the score on 113.

Kugelejin, one of the worst hit by viral fever, recorded a pair in his Test debut.

Some lusty blows by Smith, who scored 25 off 27 balls, and Richard Hadlee, 13 not out, only delayed the inevitable and off-spinner Arshad Ayub took the last two wickets with successive deliveries to end with four for 53.

Wright refused to blame his side's defeat on either the umpiring or the virus which swept through the team.

"I have absolutely no comment to make about their umpires whatsoever," Wright said.

"We were lucky that most of the guys got ill on the rest day. I



Hirwani (centre): took six wickets

was very pleased the players pulled themselves up and got stuck in on the fourth day."

Wright also paid tribute to the Indian spinners.

"Hirwani and Ayub bowled

very well, although it was not a particularly well-prepared wicket for a five-day game," he said.

"But we have been beaten by a team that performed better than ourselves over five days. India are a very effective side in their own country."

"Our batting has got to improve and our bowlers must try to pick up more wickets to aid Richard Hadlee."

Scoreboard

INDIA first innings 384 for nine declared (N. Sidhu 116, D. Vengsarkar 75, R. Shastri 54, R. Hadlee five for 65)

NEW ZEALAND first innings 189 (A. Ayub four for 51)

INDIA second innings 141 for one declared (K. Srikkanth 58)

NEW ZEALAND second innings (overnight 73 for no wicket)

T. Franklin b Hirwani 16

J. Wright lbw b Hirwani 58

A. Jones lbw b Hirwani 17

M. Greatbatch c Kapil Dev b Ayub 10

E. Gray c Srikkanth b Hirwani 2

K. Rutherford lbw b Hirwani 0

C. Kugelejin c More b Ayub 0

R. Hadlee not out 13

I. Smith lbw b Hirwani 25

J. Bracewell c Arun Lal b Ayub 11

E. Chatfield c Vengsarkar b Ayub 0

Extras (b-10 nb-2) 12

Total 164

Fall of wickets: 1-77 2-92 3-107

4-113 5-113 6-113 7-113 8-143 9-164

Bowling: Kapil Dev 4-0-16-0, Ayub 35.4-12-53-4, Hirwani 30-10-59-6,

Shastri 7-21-0, Ramani 2-0-5-0.

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West Indies' pace attack scuttles Australians

BRISBANE, Australia, Nov 18, (Reuters): West Indies' pace attack destroyed Australia today, dismissing the home side for a paltry 167 on the opening day of the first Test.

At close of play West Indian openers Gordon Greenidge and Desmond Haynes had put on 39, comfortably weathering a wayward assault by pacemen Craig McDermott and Chris Matthews.

Earlier Courtney Walsh and Malcolm Marshall tore the heart out of the Australian innings either side of lunch.

The lanky Ambrose, extracting tremendous lift from the perfect batting pitch, finished with three for 30 while Marshall, who needed time to find his line and length, raised his Test tally to 292 wickets by taking two for 39.

Walsh (four for 62) bowled for much of the afternoon because strike bowler Patrick Patterson had to leave the pitch in only his fourth over with an injured knee.

Catches
The bowlers were helped by spectacular fielding at short leg by Gus Logie who claimed three catches including that of McDermott with a one-handed dive to his left.

West Indies captain Viv Richards closed the Australian innings by running 30 metres from first slip to catch a skier from Tony Dodemaide, his 100th catch in his 100th Test.

Patterson's early departure and a simple dropped catch in the slips might have persuaded Australian captain Allan Border he was being rewarded for his brave decision to bat after winning the toss.

But this illusion was shattered once Ambrose and Marshall settled into a groove, dismissing openers David Boon and Geoff Marsh before lunch.

From 64 for two at lunch Australia dissolved to 86 for five, Ambrose starting the slide by dismissing the unhappy Graeme Wood for six with his first ball of the second session.

The Leeward islander, who was no-balled seven times, worried captain Allan Border but captured the home captain's prized wicket for four in controversial circumstances.

Left-handed Border played at a chest high ball down the leg side



Ambrose and was given not caught behind by Jeff Dujin. Television replays seemed to enflame Border's protestations that the ball had flicked his shirt not his glove.

Marshall, moving the ball both ways in the air and off the pitch, soon proved too much for Steve Waugh. The all-rounder, having received two nutswingers, thought another one was coming and lifted his bat in the air.

Unfortunately for Waugh the ball moved the other way and he was plumb lbw, dismissed in identical fashion in Boon who was before lunch did not offer a stroke to a Marshall delivery.

Australia's slump continued when Mike Veletta, top scorer with 37, dragged a ball from off spinner Carl Hooper onto his stumps while attempting a sweep.

Scoreboard

AUSTRALIA first innings

G. Marsh c Logie b Ambrose 27

D. Boon lbw b Marshall 18

M. Veletta b Hooper 37

G. Wood c Greenidge b Ambrose 6

A. Border c Dujin b Ambrose 4

S. Waugh lbw b Marshall 4

I. Healy c Logie b Walsh 2

T. Toledano c Richards b Walsh 22

C. Matthews c Dujin b Walsh 1

T. May not out 4

Extras (b-1 lb-5 w-1 nb-16) 23

Total 167

Fall of wickets: 1-19 2-52 3-64 4-76

5-86 6-126 7-138 8-140 9-158

Bowling: Marshall 18-3-39-2 (1w 50b), Patterson 31-1-5-0, Ambrose 16.5-5-30-3 (7w), Walsh 18.3-3-62-4 (4w), Hooper 12-2-24-1, Richards 1-8-1-0.

WEST INDIES first innings

G. Greenidge not out 24

D. Haynes not out 5

Extras (b-4 lb-1 w-1 nb-0) 10

Total (for no wicket) 39

To bat: R. Richardson, V. Richards, C. Hooper, G. Logie, J. Dujin, M. Marshall, C. Ambrose, C. Walsh, P. Patterson.

Bowling to date: McDermott 4-0-19-0 (3w), Matthews 6-3-6-0 (1w), Dodemaide 3-1-9-0 (1w).

Qadir decides against touring Australia

LAHORE, Pakistan, Nov 18, (Reuters): Leg-spinner Abdul Qadir has opted out of Pakistan's forthcoming tour of Australia and New Zealand, it was revealed when the squad of 17 was named yesterday.

Senior selector Intikhab Alam told reporters Qadir, who has played in 57 Tests, had decided not to undertake the two-leg touring schedule next month for family reasons.

"We will certainly miss him," Intikhab said, dismissing suggestions the slow bowler had backed out because Pakistan cricket authorities had declined his demand for an extra playing fee.

"I had one hour of deliberations with him and he never put up any such demand nor asked for undue favours," former Pakistan captain Intikhab said.

The vacancy created by Qadir's absence will be filled by young leg-spinner Mushtaq Ahmad, who came into prominence during the tour by England late last year.

Intikhab said Mushtaq had a good deal of potential and did well during the World Youth Cup one-day series in Australia earlier this year.

Among the unfamiliar names in the party, Wasim Haider is a medium-pace bowler and useful

lower-order batsman. Intikhab said he had the right attitude towards the game and hoped he would improve during the tour.

Sajid Ali, a 22-year-old stroke-player in the national side with a fine century against Australia in their three-day tour match at Peshawar last month.

The Board of Control for Cricket in Pakistan (BCCP) named Imran Khan as tour captain on Tuesday, only a day after they had appointed Javed Miandad.

BCCP officials said Miandad had stepped down in favour of all-rounder Imran, who was not

available for the recent home series against Australia.

Pakistan are taking part in the limited overs World Series cup in Australia, with the host country and West Indies, from December 10 to January 18 and then go to New Zealand for a tour including three Tests.

Touring team: Imran Khan (captain), Javed Miandad (vice-captain), Mudassar Nazar, Salim Malik, Rameez Raja, Moizul Atiq, Salim Yousuf, Tauseef Ahmed, Wasim Akram, Salim Jaffer, Saeed Anwar, Sajid Ali, Wasim Haider, Mushtaq Ahmad, Mohsin Kamal, Aamer Malik, Ejaz Ahmad.

Robson wants more 'B' internationals

LONDON, Nov 18, (Reuters): England soccer manager Bobby Robson, under renewed pressure to resign following the 1-1 draw in Saudi Arabia on Wednesday, plans to recommend a series of "B" internationals to help revive his side's ailing fortunes.

Robson will propose to the Football Association's (FA) international board next Tuesday that a programme of "B" matches be set up to bridge the gaps between senior games and provide the experience lost under the European ban on English clubs.

"We have to do something about our future," he said on his return to London yesterday. "We've no European scene and no Olympic football. We are isolated and I will tell them (the

board) that we must embark on a "B" programme."

The indefinite ban from Europe, imposed following the Heysel stadium tragedy in which 39 people died before the European Cup final between Liverpool and Italy's Juventus, is well into its fourth year with no signs yet of being lifted.

Robson, whose five-year contract stretches beyond the 1990 World Cup finals in Italy, can almost certainly count on the support of FA chairman Bert Millichip, who agrees that the lack of European club competition stifles domestic progress in technique and tactics.

Effects
"The ban didn't do any damage in the first year or so, but now we are feeling the effects."

Protest upheld
GENEVA, Nov 18, (Reuters): The European Football Union (UEFA) today upheld a protest by Swiss club Neuchatel Xamax following their 5-0 defeat in the away leg of the European Cup second round tie against Galatasaray Istanbul and ordered the match to be replayed.

In a brief statement, UEFA's control and disciplinary body, which met in Zurich, said the match must be played on a neutral ground on a date to be decided.

Platini faces tough test in Yugoslavia

BELGRADE, Nov 18, (Reuters): Michel Platini will be under the spotlight more so than France in his first match as team chief tomorrow in the World Cup European Group Five qualifier against Yugoslavia.

Platini took over after a 1-1 draw in Cyprus last month severely dented French hopes of reaching the World Cup finals.

France have never won in Yugoslavia, not even when Platini himself was a key player. "It will be very tough," Platini said. "Unfortunately for us, Yugoslavia are showing signs of being in great form. But we are not afraid."

Yugoslavia have played only one match in Group Five so far, drawing 1-1 in Scotland, but they can be utterly unpredictable.

"We are taking this match very seriously, though it's not so important for us as for France," Yugoslav coach Ivica Osim said. "We'll try to beat them, of course. But I must say that I never know exactly how my players will play."

Osim has called on five men from French First and Second Division clubs, including Paris Saint-Germain striker Safet Susic who has not played for his country for four years.

Jorge returns to Porto

OPORTO, Portugal, Nov 18, (Reuters): Artur Jorge, who guided Porto to their 1987 European Cup triumph, returned today to manage the northern Portuguese club after a year in France.

"It's great to be back with so many players I know and let's hope we can repeat our performances of a few seasons ago," he said.

Jorge took over Matra Racing Paris shortly after Porto won the

European Cup. Citing family reasons, he resigned from the French club two weeks ago.

The Portuguese champions, though currently second in the league, have failed to impress and were knocked out of the European cup this month by holders PSV Eindhoven of the Netherlands.

Jorge, who replaced Joaquim Jesus "Quinho", signed a 2-1/2 year contract with Porto.

Gomes spares Portugal's blushes

Spain outclass Ireland in Cup qualifier

SEVILLE, Spain, Nov 18, (Reuters): Spain opened their World Cup campaign with a morale-boosting and decisive 2-0 win over Ireland in a European Group Six qualifying match in Seville on Wednesday night.

Manolo Sanchez and Emilio Butraguen scored the second half goals which improved Spain's dismal 1988 record of one solo win, four draws and six defeats before Wednesday's encounter.

The victory against a team beaten only once in 15 previous matches provided a cheering start for Luis Suarez, who took over from Miguel Munoz as national team manager last August and had said before the match that Ireland were the toughest side in the group.

Ireland manager Jack Charlton had been forced by a string of injuries — David Kelly, Ronnie Whelan, Chris Hughton, Kevin Sheedy and Paul McGrath — to revamp his side. But it hardly shamed in the first half, with the visitors rock-solid in defence and Spain grappling to get near goal.

Quique Flores had a good chance in the 35th minute, fired



Vasquez (left) goes for the ball against Ireland's Ray Houghton. (Reuters wirephoto)

ing a diving save from Pat Bonner with a fine drive, and Michel Gonzalez found a hole in the packed defence three minutes later but could not find room to get the angle right.

The break for Spain came in the 52nd minute when 23-year-old Sanchez of Atletico Madrid

scored on his international debut from a fine pass by Martin Vasquez.

Sanchez slammed the ball into Bonner's arms but the Irish goalkeeper could only deflect the ball, giving the newcomer a second chance to relieve the frustration of the capacity 50,000

crowd.

With Spain bedding their nerves and picking up the pace, Real Madrid striker Butragueno, who had looked dwarfed in the first half, rammed home the advantage in the 66th minute.

Quique Flores shook off Steve Staunton and delivered a fine pass into the centre for Butragueno ("The Vulture") in swoop and slam the ball past Bonner.

And in Oporto, Portugal, captain Fernando Gomes scored a first-half goal to spare Portugal's blushes as they scraped a 1-0 win over Luxembourg in their opening World Cup qualifying soccer match on Wednesday.

Portugal, seeking to restore their prestige after going out of the 1986 World Cup finals in disgrace, struggled to overcome Luxembourg's essentially amateur team in the European Group Seven match.

The Portuguese, whose early exit from the Mexico finals was marked by national uproar over the players' threat to strike for more money just before a vital match, failed here to capitalise on numerous well-placed passes by striker Paulo Futre.

"We lost too many chances to score in the first half and the second was sheer disappointment," said trainer Juho Carnadas "Juca". But the most important thing is we won."

Luxembourg, who have now lost their first three qualifying games, defended staunchly to thwart the home side's attacks until the 31st minute when Gomes hammered home from inside the area following a Futre pass.

Luxembourg's best chance came in the 52nd minute when a close-range shot by Rohy Langers from a Theo Sholten pass was saved by Portuguese keeper Silvino.

Chances
The 30,000 capacity crowd tried to lift their team, but grunted as Portugal's many chances floundered and the side failed to show co-ordination.

A hard shot by Sobrinho in the 11th minute hit the bar, while a left-foot drive by Futre in the 20th minute rolled just wide. A soaring header by Gomes went just over the bar after a long Jaime Magalhaes pass at the start of the second half.

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SPORTS

Nomads aim for success in Dubai

KUWAIT Nomads, the homeless rugby side which features many of the Gulf's outstanding rugby players, are gearing up for their annual challenge at this year's Dubai Exiles Rugby Sevens Tournament, the biggest rugby event of its kind in the Middle East.

More than 20 players will make the trip to Dubai for the two day rugby festival, sponsored by Emirates, the international airline of the UAE, in association with MMI, which this year takes place on November 24 and 25.

The men carrying the rugby hopes of Kuwait will divide into three teams and are determined to erase the memory of last year's tournament which saw them lose out in the Gulf knockout final 12-6 to the hosts, Dubai Exiles. Led by captain Steve Hill, the Nomads squad will feature an exciting blend of well-known Gulf players including Mike Robinson, Tony Sole and Dave Bulless. One man eager to return to the fray is Richard Ellis. In last year's final the powerful Kuwait star had to be carried off the field with damaged knee ligaments. Now fully recovered, Ellis will be one of the Nomads to watch in Dubai.

Looking

"We have made an impressive start to the season winning the Bahrain 15-a-side competition and recording solid victories over Qatar and Dubai Exiles," said Hill. We are very much looking forward to the Dubai event as we felt we were very unlucky to lose out in last year's final following two tough days of competitive rugby.

The Kuwait Nomads certainly live up to their name. At present the club has no pitch to practise on. "We have to train on a piece of road under the glare of motorway lights," said Hill, "so we are naturally desperate to find a settled home for the club."

Despite their problems the Nomads will be one of the favourites in the Gulf knockout competition. And if they win it they will become the first Kuwait rugby side to reach the prestigious Hoog Kong Sevens tournament.

This year a total of 48 teams are expected to take part in two days of top-class rugby with twelve of the world's best rugby union sides set to battle it out for the new Emirates International Trophy, which is guaranteed to produce some thrilling rugby action featuring a selection of well-known international stars.

Spinks convicted of drunken driving

WILMINGTON, Delaware, Nov 18. (AP) Former heavyweight boxing champion Michael Spinks lost the decision on a 1987 drunk driving charge, but with sportsmanlike composure, thanked young fans in the courtroom.

"Thanks for hanging in there with me, sport," he said yesterday to the children. "Lots of luck."

A New Castle county superior court jury yesterday deliberated five hours before convicting Spinks. He was fined \$200, his license was revoked for one year, and he was ordered to enter a first offender's programme for drunk drivers.

Spinks' license may be reinstated in six months if he successfully completes the first offender's programme.

Shriver stuns Evert for WCT semifinals

NEW YORK, Nov 18. (Reuters) Pam Shriver upset Chris Evert 7-5 6-4 yesterday to reach the semifinals against an ailing Steffi Graf at the million-dollar Women's Tennis Championships (WCT) at Madison Square Garden.

Graf, the top seed and Grand Slam champion, was advised by a doctor not to play because of a head cold and slight fever, but she went out anyway and beat seventh seed Manuela Maleeva of Bulgaria 6-1 6-3 in her quarter-final.

Strength

Despite her easy success against Maleeva, the West German decided to withdraw from the doubles competition in order to preserve her strength for tomorrow's match against Shriver.

Evert had escaped in three sets in the first round against Barbara Potter, who plays a similar serve-and-volley game to Shriver's, but the 33-year-old former world number one was frustrated by Shriver's aggressive tactics throughout.

Shriver, fifth in the world, won the first set by breaking Evert in

HELAL FINISHES IN SECOND PLACE

Eid Falah wins Kuwait local rally

By Gail Seery

EID FALAH AL FARZAN and Sadeq Ashkanani took their Zayani Range Rover to first place in yesterday's Kuwait local rally, finishing the stages in 1:14:32, some 49 seconds ahead of Ahmed Al Helal in his Rothmans Toyota Corolla.

This result also puts Eid Falah, who is also sponsored by Marlboro, into first place in this year's championship table, thirteen points ahead of Tareq Al Alyan, with three more local rallies, and one international to be driven, and the points from two events to be dropped. Eid Falah now has an excellent opportunity to clinch this year's championship, for the first time ever.

Throughout the ten-stage event there were very few problems with the Range Rover, except for gear box trouble on the first leg, when Falah was unable to engage second gear. He drove superbly and thoroughly deserved to win the rally.

Adjust Ahmed Al Helal also had gear problems, and the Toyota service crew had to adjust it after almost every stage. He was unable to prevent Falah widening the gap from twelve seconds, at one point, to 49.

Third place was taken by A. Al Birami in the tiny Daihatsu Charade — this car, formerly



Eid Falah (right) and Ashkanani after victory.

driven by Ahmed Al Helal, Tareq Al Alyan and Ahmed Al Zafiri must have the best finishing record in Kuwait! Birami and navigator Mohammed Al Zaid brought a finish time of 1:22:26.

Novice driver Ahmed Al Mulla took a commendable fourth place in his new Nissan 240 RS which formerly belonged to Josef Miskulnig, provoking

again, how important a strong and reliable car is. At times this driver shows great promise, and as seventeenth seed, he did well to climb through the ranks to fourth place. Nasser Musallam also did well to take fifth place. Although he has participated as a co-driver, this is his first outing as a driver, and his Daihatsu Silvia

was going well.

The first major disappointment of the rally came for Tareq Al Wazzan. He had learned during the week that there were numerous problems with his Marlboro Toyota Celica rally car, and the Toyota garage had

worked wonders for him where others might have shrugged their shoulders. On Thursday they

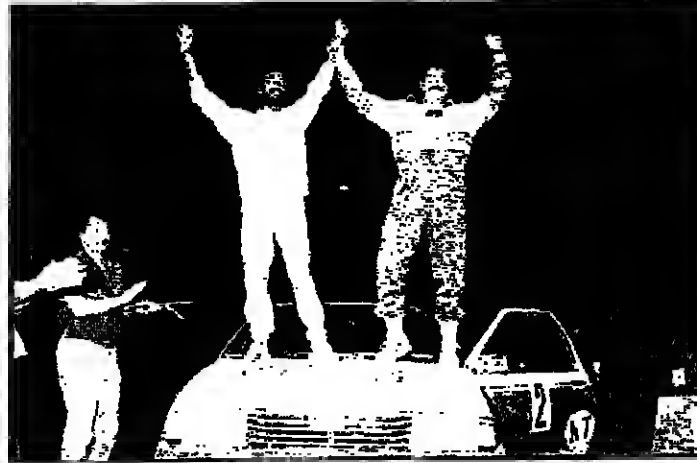
were working on a broken gear box, which they repaired in time for Wazzan and co-driver Khalid Khalifa to start the rally. They encountered camels and cars on the first stage, but still took a respectable second fastest time to Eid Falah, with a gap of only nine seconds.

Continue

However in the second stage the drive shaft broke completely, leaving Wazzan, Khalifa and team manager Toni Samia to continue as spectators, and the car to be ignominiously hauled back to Shuwaikh. "There were a thousand problems for me in this rally," said a disappointed Wazzan after the rally.

The drop-out rate was very high. More than ten of the drivers who set out broke before the regrouping halt, after stage 6: only eleven drivers set out for the final stages, and only ten completed the rally.

Hossam Al Sayafe had chanced his car from a Suzuki to a



Helal (right) and Shahr Mubarak came 2nd

Range Rover for this event. "On the first stage my wheel was racing with me, on the second stage the gear stick came away, and then on stage five the engine blew. We tried to continue, but there was no way." Nevertheless he, and navigator Amjad Qutaineh were setting respectable times throughout the stages they drove.

Novice driver Ali Mousawi was driving the Opel Ascona, which formerly belonged to Ahmed Al Zafiri, but with a standard engine — this stopped on stage one. Mohammed Jarar and Fadi Mansur "didn't go through the middle of the water — we hit a rock and couldn't get out."

Ahmed Al Zafiri and co-driver Ghazi had hoped to break the run of bad luck which has prevented the Suzuki from completing a rally to date. At regrouping he was complaining of a lack of power, with a top speed of only 50 or 60 kph, but the pair were determined that they were completing the event. Sadly it was not to be, and they did not make it back to the finish line.

Abandon

Ahmed Al Nasser had gearbox problems with his Toyota Celica, and had to abandon the rally before regrouping.

Ali Birami, who finished third said, "I was missing the power of

the Lancer. The rally is very good, and the stages are fantastic."

Helal agreed, "It was a good rally, but there were times when people were slowing us on the stage. The track was very bad for 2nd cars, as it was sand on top of a hard surface — like walking on salt — and very slippery. There is better grip with the 4x4."

Denim's Tareq Al Alyan encountered no problems of note, though he did complain of shock absorber trouble. However the participation of the faster cars, the Nissan 240RS and the Daihatsu Silvia pushed him down to sixth place.

Younis Ali had no problems

after being stuck in the mud for a time. "I was determined to finish. After regrouping I went out eighth and then drove a little harder to get seventh place. Hassan Jaber is definitely the best co-driver I have had."

The rally was one of the best for some time, following the general trend upwards in the quality of events here. Richard Bondi was the Clerk of the Course, and shepherded many helpers who put a great deal of time and effort into making sure the event ran smoothly. A special thanks should go to all the marshalls, who perform an often thankless, but always vital job.

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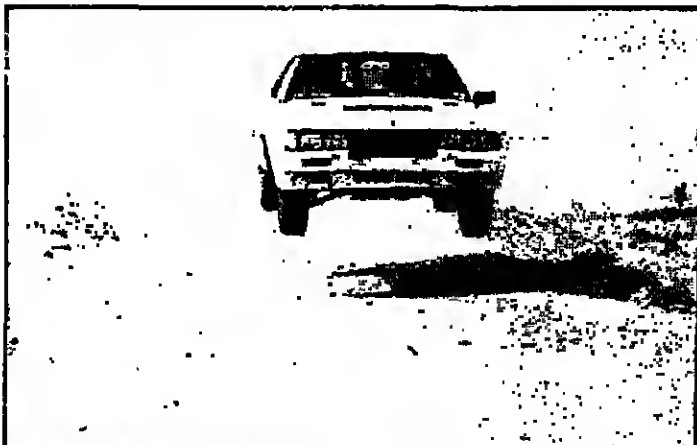
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4. Ahmed Al Mulla/Ibrahim Mousa, Nissan 240RS, 1:24:29
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6. Tareq Al Alyan/Khalid Ali, Daihatsu Rocky, 1:28:49
7. Ibrahim Al Mowad/Fawzi Khadiri, Daihatsu 160J, 1:30:37
8. Younis Ali/Hassan Jaber, Lada 1600, 1:36:22
9. Saad Al Shamiri/Ahmed Al Edresi, Daihatsu 160J, 1:41:51
10. Adel Al Ghanim/Andre Sourjian, Suzuki Swift GTi, 1:54:02



Ali Al Birami (left) with his co-driver Mohammed Zaid



Tareq Al Alyan on his way to sixth place.



Ahmed Al Mulla: finished fourth



Tareq Al Wazzan at the start.



George Warteilan and Mohammed Ali: knees-deep in trouble. Photos by Raed Qutainah and Ahmed Barouni

Tyson-Bruno fight may be postponed

NEW YORK, Nov 18. (Reuters) A January date for the on-again, off-again title clash between Mike Tyson and challenger Frank Bruno can still be made if a quick settlement of a managerial dispute is reached, a spokesman for promoter Don King said yesterday.

But if a settlement is not reached soon, the January 14 fight date would have to be postponed until March at the earliest, Al Braverman, director of boxing for Don King Productions said.

The Tyson-Bruno bout has already been postponed five times and the venue switched from London to the United States.

Meeting

Last month King and Tyson agreed to an exclusive four-year promotional agreement without manager Cayton's consent. Cayton has threatened to file a formal complaint with the New York State Athletic Commission and a lawsuit against King for

infringing on his contract with Tyson.

Lawyers for both sides are working on a compromise. "The lawyers have been meeting all day today and will probably meet again tomorrow," Braverman said.

"If they can reach an agreement within a week, the fight can still take place in January." Cayton has an interest in keeping the January date, since he has tentatively arranged a hectic

schedule for Tyson that would include defences against Brazilian Adilson Rodrigues in February, American Carl "The Truth" Williams in March and Italian Francesco Damiani in early summer.

Tyson kept himself busy yesterday as he spent the day with King visiting four community centres around New York City to give out more than 1,500 turkeys for the for the underprivileged in advance of next week's Thanksgiving holiday.

Australia return to basics

EDINBURGH, Nov 18. (Reuters) Australia, badly needing a win over Scotland to restore their credibility, have returned to rugby union basics for tomorrow's clash at Murrayfield.

Coach Bob Dwyer, deeply dissatisfied after losing 28-19 to England a fortnight ago, has made five changes to his side in an endeavour to strengthen both the tight play and the defence.

Quality

"We've had to tighten up our lineouts and scrums considerably because we have to win more

quality, clean ball to give the backs any space to move," Dwyer said after training yesterday.

Dwyer's policy has received an endorsement from an unlikely source.

Scotland coach Ian McGeechan, who will coach the British Lions on their tour of Australia next year, believes the Wallabies will start favourites tomorrow.

"They are a far better side than when they were losing all around the England leg of their tour," McGeechan, a former Lions centre, said. "They have finally identified their problems."

McEnroe routs Acuna

DETROIT, Nov 18. (AP) Second-seeded John McEnroe of the United States defeated Chilean Ricardo Acuna 6-1, 6-1 yesterday to advance to the singles quarterfinals in the Little Caesars Championship tennis tournament.

"It was closer than the score indicated," McEnroe said. "The breaks went my way, but I feel I forced (Acuna's) errors."

"I feel like my talent level can improve and physically, I'm improving," McEnroe said. "Hopefully next year, I'll be in the top shape of my life."

Reached McEnroe, ranked No. 14 worldwide, was to play compatriot Jim Courier today. Courier reached the quarterfinals after beating fellow American Marc Flur 7-6 (7-5), 6-2 earlier yesterday.

Also yesterday, Pete Sampras upset top-seeded Tim Mayotte 6-3, 6-4. Both are from the United States.

Sampras, at 17 the youngest player in the tournament, combined a deadly forehand and blis-

tering serve to reach today's scheduled quarterfinals.

"He was very nervous," Sampras said of Mayotte, the world's eighth-ranked player. "I played him before and lost, but I've played a lot of big matches and this time, I won. It's about time."

Sampras displayed poise, especially after losing his serve to allow Mayotte to tie the second set at 4-4. But Mayotte in turn double-faulted twice to lose his serve, then lost the match when Sampras aces him for the final point.

"I wasn't very sharp," Mayotte said. "I didn't get enough first serves in, and he was returning my shots very well. I think it was a sign of fatigue."

Asked whether this was his biggest victory as a professional, Sampras said: "By far, I was supposed to leave tomorrow."

Earlier yesterday, the No. 1-seeded doubles team of Ken Flach and Robert Seguso, both of the United States, rallied to defeat Grant Connell of Canada and Sammy Giammalva of the United States 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.

SPORTS BRIEFS

1992 Games

LONDON, Nov 18. (Reuters) The newly declared independent state of Palestine is to apply to compete in the 1992 Olympic Games to Barcelona, the Times of London reported yesterday.

Lindford Christie

LONDON, Nov 18. (UPI) Lindford Christie, who earned two silver medals at the Seoul Olympics, was yesterday named Britain's track and field athlete of the year by the Amateur Athletic Association.

Steroid use

NEW YORK, Nov 18. (UPI) At least half the 9,000 athletes who competed at the Seoul Olympic games used steroids and other performance-enhancing drugs, the New York Times reported yesterday.

Barra suspended

ROME, Nov 18. (Reuters) Italy's Olympic authority said yesterday that executive committee member Luciano Barra had been suspended pending a judicial investigation into an alleged athletics contract scandal.

Raid triumphs

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates, Nov 18. (AP) Dale Reid of Britain came from behind to win the Toyota Cressida ladies professional golf tournament here yesterday with a final-round 70 giving her a four-under-par total of 144.

RAC Rally

HARROGATE, England, Nov 18. (Reuters) Defending champion Juha Kaasikoen of Sweden is one of seven former world champions who will compete in the British RAC Rally starting here on Sunday.

Jose Canseco

NEW YORK, Nov 18. (Reuters) Slugging outfielder Jose Canseco of the Oakland Athletics was the unanimous choice as American League Most Valuable Player in results announced on Wednesday by the Baseball Writers Association.

Jesper Olsen

BORDEAUX, France, Nov 18. (Reuters) Danish wiinger Jesper Olsen of Manchester United signed for French First Division team Bordeaux on Wednesday, club officials said.

British soccer

LONDON, Nov 18. (Reuters) Results of British soccer matches played on Wednesday: Scottish Premier Division: Aberdeen 1, Dundee 0; Rangers 3, Hamilton 1.

World champion

STOCKHOLM, Nov 18. (Reuters) Sweden's world high jump champion Patrik Sjoberg said today a back injury would stop him training for up to six weeks and jeopardise his indoor season.

Phoenix golf

TOKYO, Nov 18. (Reuters) American Fred Couples defied capricious winds to card a one-under-par 71 and increase his lead to five strokes after the second round of the 150 million yen (\$1.22 million) Phoenix golf tournament today.

Golf Test

PORT DOUGLAS, Australia, Nov 18. (Reuters) A revitalised Greg Norman restricted Britain to a 3-1/2 to 2-1/2 points lead over Australia on the opening day of their inaugural golf Test today.

Kapalua golf

KAPALUA, Hawaii, Nov 18. (Reuters) Bob Gilder birdied his final four holes to tie fellow-American John Mahaffey at 15-under-par 129 yesterday after two rounds of the \$600,000 Kapalua International golf tournament.

IOC chief

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, Nov 18. (AP) President of the International Olympic Committee Juan Antonio Samaranch says that as long as he's in office he will "not permit" the elimination of boxing as an Olympic sport.

NBA games

NEW YORK, Nov 18. (AP) Results of the National Basketball Association (NBA) games played yesterday:

Seattle	101	LA Lakers	98
Utah	123	Portland	99
New Jersey	105	Milwaukee	96
Houston	113	Miami	107
Dallas	105	Charlotte	93
Denver	139	San Antonio	112

BRIDGE

RESULTS of Sheraton Bridge Club game held on Wednesday:

- N/S
1. Shah & Zubairi
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 3. Dr Zaid & Qattan
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